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Apprentice star Simon Smith tells us why he's happy to be home - page 4



OUR BABY BLU

Couple separated from newborn girl by 40 miles

AN anguished mother is having to By BEN WILKINSON endure a 40-mile separation from Chief Reporter her newborn baby because of a shortage of hospital treatment facilities in Harlow.

Cara Dedman (29) and her partner have to go for days without seeing daughter Tru because she is being cared for at a specialist unit in Luton after being born nine weeks prematurely on April 9.

To make matters worse, the mother-of-five has to rely on other people's help to make the 80-mile round trip after their car broke down.

The situation – caused by a shortage of cots at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital neo-natal intensive care unit – has prompted a call for the facility to be expanded.

Ms Dedman, of Berecroft, fears the separation could harm her ability to bond with her

baby. "When I was still pregnant with Tru, I was admitted to hospital and then transferred to Luton because of a shortage of beds," she said. "A few days later I gave birth. I was sent home but because Tru was so premature, she had to stay at Luton for specialist treatment.

Ever since I was transferred to Luton, I have he said.

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been trying to get back to Harlow - first to get a bed for myself, and now for Tru. The people at Luton keep trying but apparently they keep getting told nothing's available.

"Before she was born, I had trouble bonding with the pregnancy or feeling happy about being pregnant so I knew that, when the time came, bonding with the baby would be very important. But I've hardly been able to see her at all."
Harlow councillor Lee Dangerfield

(Conservative) has attempted to intervene and said: "The care and commitment of the NHS staff is brilliant, but it's really not on when a new mother is cut off from her newborn baby like this. We should have the right facilities here in

A PAH spokesman apologised for the situation and said the neo-natal intensive care unit had been under pressure in recent weeks with a number of complex cases.

We are reviewing the situation in the NICU on a daily basis and would hope to bring Ms Dedman's baby to Harlow as soon as possible,'



A fresh financial crisis looms for Harlow Council

JUST days before crucial local elections, Harlow Council has been thrown into a new financial crisis.

Despite passing a cost-cutting budget only a few weeks ago, a fresh raid on the town's already depleted reserves is on the cards because of an estimated £119,000 shortfall in last year's non-housing capital programme.

Councillors learnt of the new problem at the latest meeting of the budget and monitoring working party - the group resurrected earlier this year as a response to the initial £1.8m black

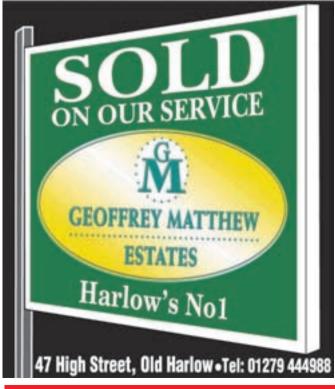
The shortfall was originally projected to be £271,000, although officers revised it to £119,000 four days later.

The new funding gap is a surprise because all non-essential capital spending plans for the year were axed after the earlier funding crisis and only projects deemed essential for legal or health and safety reasons were allowed to proceed.

Any shortfall will have to be plugged and the burden will again fall on the reserves – the second time they will have been raided this year.

Budget and performance monitoring working party meetings are secret but the council confirmed the situation

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Tories 'on track to take over in town'

CONSERVATIVES By BEN WILKINSON claim they are on track Chief Reporter to take control of Harlow for the first time ever when the town goes committed to keeping weekly to the polls next week.

The Tory group – currently the largest party on Harlow Council but kept out power by Labour/Liberal Democrat alliance – need just four more seats to capture an overall majority.

seats up for grabs and the Tories riding high nationally, the local party is going into Thursday's poll in buoyant mood.

However, both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are confident their record during the past year will stand them in good stead, despite such major controversies as the abrupt closure of Harlow Pool and discovery of a massive budget black hole.

Labour hopes to excite core supporters with a pledge to build new council houses for the first time in years, as part of the regeneration of Prentice Place, in Potter Street, and also claims to be the only party

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National issues will also be a factor, with the furore over Prime Minister Gordon Brown's scrapping of the 10p income tax rate for low earners giving Labour some of its worst opinion poll results in years.

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With 10 of the council's 33

Conservative group leader Andrew Johnson said: "There is no doubting that we are serious about our chances and serious about our manifesto.

"After 60 years of Labour, latterly propped up by the Liberal Democrats, this town needs fresh ideas and a real sense of purpose – not the same old tired policies they have been serving up."

But Tony Durcan, departing Labour group leader and joint council leader, said he hoped voters had the "faith and ambition" to stick with his party.

"I truly believe this town is shifting forward in a big way," he said. "This town is much cleaner, brighter and safer than it was two years ago and that's because of the work we've

Skatepark is up and rolling!



AFTER 20 years of campaigning, a new haven for Harlow skaters has finally been unveiled.

The 650sq m skatepark next to Burnt Mill School, in First Avenue, cost Harlow Council and Sport England upwards of £300,000 and has taken about six months to complete.

The concrete park was designed by Freestyle Skateparks with significant input from local skateboarders and boasts moulded obstacles such as a bowl, quarter pipes, banks, hips and rails.

Steve Hemming, owner of Motel 6 Skate Shop, in Wych Elm, has been at the forefront of the campaign to secure a permanent facility and is thrilled with the result.

"The new skatepark has been built to a seriously good standard and ticks every box with all of today's skaters," he said. "It has tried and tested obstacles as well as some of our own creations, which look better in real life than we ever imagined.

"Harlow is finally put on the map for having a one-of-a-kind youth facility and, as it's built in concrete, will be usable for decades to come."



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House ordeal is MP's aide broke rules by doing election work making us sick

By JIM TANFIELD tanfieldj@hertsessexnews.co.uk

A RETIRED school caretaker and his sick wife are facing the prospect of homelessness.

David Jones (65) left his job as site manager for the Spinney Infant and Junior schools in February after 24 years of service.

As part of the job he was given an Essex County Council-owned home next to the Cook's Spinney school and claims he was originally given a verbal assurance by a Harlow Council officer that he would be entitled to structure to the control of the council of the co tled to return to a council house on retirement.

But Mr Jones, who has suffered two strokes, and his wife Pat (61), who has recently undergone a mastectomy following breast cancer and also suffers from osteoporosis, arthritis, heart problems and cataracts, have now been told they must bid for a house like everybody else.

The couple also have to go through an eviction process in court at a cost of £216 – usual practice in tied housing moves.
"We can't sleep much, and when we do we

wake up in the morning as nervous wrecks worrying about what we are going to do," said

Her husband added: "We shouldn't be going through this now, not at our time of life and not with our health."



The couple also care for Mrs Jones' elderly

mother, who lives close by, and serve as daily childminders for their granddaughter.
"I knew I wouldn't be able to live here afterwards, I knew what I was doing, but I have been told since I started bidding for a house in August, that there are 800 people more needy than us! How can that be?" asked

"ECC couldn't care less about loyalty

either. I didn't even get a thank-you when I retired, just a bill for the court costs and a letter telling me when I had to leave."

A Harlow Council spokesman said it has asked County Hall to delay the eviction, adding the couple have been given a priority banding relating to their circumstances.

A county council spokesman said it may not ask Mr Jones for the £216 costs as the situation is still under review

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MP Bill Rammell's former assis- fying herself as Mr Rammell's

tant has been censured for abus-

ing Parliamentary facilities to

help Labour in local by-elections

Ruth Fox, who worked in Mr Rammell's Westminster and Harlow offices until earlier this

year, breached rules by using

House of Commons email to support and organise campaigns on

behalf of Harlow Labour Party.

The judgement by Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards John Lyon follows a complaint by journalist Daniel Brett, who

reported Dr Fox for her actions

prior to by-elections which fol-

lowed the deaths of councillors

Jack Jesse and Roy Collyer. Mr Lyon said Dr Fox breached the rules by using Parliamentary email facilities, including identiresearcher, in doing the work.

A further complaint against Mr

Rammell, alleging he had used Dr

Fox's time for political campaigning, was dismissed after his

explanation was accepted that she

Parliamentary facilities, and particularly no email accounts, should be used for political cam-

paigning."
Mr Brett said: "I find it hard to

believe Dr Fox was acting beyond

Mr Rammell's knowledge. I

believe her involvement in local campaigning may have been encouraged to make up for the

Constituency Labour Party's own

organisational failings."

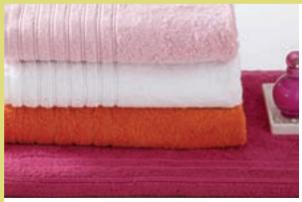
did so outside contracted hours. Mr Rammell said: "I have instructed my staff that no

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A fresh financial crisis for council

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this week after the **Star** was informed by opposition councillors.

A council spokesman admitted: "A forecast year-end funding gap for 2007-08 was identified for the non-housing capital programme of £271,000. This gap was based on the agreed restricted capital spending for 2007-08 but arose due to a further decline

in the disposal of assets.

"If this funding gap arose it would have to be met from general fund reserves but this would still leave the reserves above the council's minimum level of £1,634,000 set

The spokesman added that the forecasted shortfall was revised to £119,000 in light of "further monitoring information"

Conservative opposition leader Andrew Johnson said: "The level of incompetence in this council is unbelievable. The Labour/Lib Dem administration seem to learn nothing and forget everything.

"The reserves are already at their lowest permitted level. Goodness knows what else will crawl out of the woodwork as the endof-year accounts are prepared."



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Apprentice star Simon Smith talks to the Star





By LOUISE SASSOON

NYBODY who is watched by millions on a TV show for four weeks might have more than an air of arrogance about them when the bubble finally bursts and they are forced to go back to normality.

Not Simon Smith. The 35-year-old ex-Army surveyor turned satellite television engineer is happy to return to his Harlow home which he shares with his partner and 14-week-old daughter after being fired from *The Apprentice* last Wednesday night.

Simon,who back in the 1980s was the **Harlow Star**'s Ranger of the Week, is a devoted family man who prides himself on trying to provide the best for them (the six figure pay packet Sir Alan had on offer might have come in handy there). And that is what he has vowed to continue to do. For anyone who did not see Simon on the show, let it be clear. Whatever you may have read subsequently about his past and his long-forgotten personal problems, he knows where he came from.

An unremarkable upbringing saw him grow up in The Chantry, attend Tany's Dell primary school and then move on to Mark Hall School.

He completed a nine-year career with the Army during which he served in Bosnia and Northern Ireland and he now lives in The Downs.

He is content with life, albeit a little disappointed with not winning the show after being booted off for failing to make a profit as project manager in a photography task.

"What you saw on that show is what you get with me," he told the *Star* the day after the show was screened. "I wanted that job so much and when I realised I wasn't going to get it when we were doing the last task I felt really gutted.

"I just thought 'get me in the board room and fire me now'. I realise that I shouldn't have got so involved taking photos in the task because I couldn't keep an eye on how the whole project was going but I don't think I was helped too much by my teammates

"I am just a normal bloke and when I got in the competition I soon realised how shrewd I would have to be to win."

Simon has now returned to his job in Stevenage and, with the dust settling from his 15 minutes of fame on televison, is hoping to get back into life as he knows it.

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He stays in throughout the week, pops down his local on the odd weekend, supports West Ham and has a happy home life. And that is how he wants it to stay.

"My company has been great and they have kept my job open for me," he said. "If I had won I would have commuted to and from Hertfordshire or wherever Sir Alan would have had me working but I didn't win so I will carry on doing what I'm doing.

"The PR offers are flooding in but I didn't go on TV to get on TV."

He added: "I love Harlow. It gets such a knock but I live here and I probably always will

"I just have been really choked up by the support I have got from everybody including the **Star**. This has been a brilliant experience."

SIR ALAN SUGAR: Gave ex-Army man Simon Smith his marching orders



Burglar acted as a lookout during theft of bicycles

A BURGLAR who stole thousands of pounds worth of mountain bikes from a house in Harlow was told he came close to being sent to jail.

Chelmsford Crown Court heard that within hours of the theft of the collection of specialist bikes from the home of owner Andrew Chuchla they appeared for sale on an internet auction site.

Liam Beeson (18), of Copse Hill, Harlow, was ordered to pay £1,000 compensation and complete 300 hours of community service after he admitted his part in the break-in on November 13, 2006.

Beeson, who was said to have acted as a lookout for a gang, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary.

Richard Kelly, prosecuting, told the court that Mr Chuchla returned home to discover the rear patio doors had been demolished and three bikes stolen from

Kenneth Carr, representing Beeson, said in mitigation the defendant was not involved in the planning of the burglary and at worst was a lookout who helped remove one of the bikes.

He said that three or four people were involved in the theft and added that Beeson's behaviour since the offence had been exemplary.

Passing sentence, recorder Simon Spence told Beeson: "This was a sophisticated and pre-planned burglary by a number of people. These mountain bikes were clearly targeted because other expensive electrical items were untouched.

"However, I can't be sure you were concerned or involved in the actual breakin or the planning of it. You were on the brink of going into custody.'

A 17-year-old Harlow youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted handling stolen goods and was made the subject of a 12-month referral order.

Family distraught as blaze destroys home

By CHRIS MOSS mossc@hertsessexnews.co.uk

A FAMILY of five has been left homeless after fire ripped through their Old Harlow house.

Alan and Elkie Blake could only watch in horror as teams of firefighters battled the blaze in Watlington Road on Monday

The fire, which is believed to have started in the loft space before spreading to the first floor, partially gutted the property.

Mrs Blake and her young daughter Sofia (4), who were in the building when the fire started at around 9.15am, escaped after a neighbour spotted smoke coming from the roof and raised the alarm.

Five fire engines - one equipped with an aerial ladder – arrived on the scene within minutes. Firefighters tackled the flames which were licking the roof of the detached property for more than an hour before the smouldering remains were declared safe and salvage work

A tearful Mrs Blake told the **Star**: "We are absolutely devastated, I just can't believe this has happened to us. Thank God it didn't happen at night otherwise we might not have made it out alive."

Mr Blake added: "The fire crews have been absolutely brilliant, as have our neighbours. The insurance company are assessing the damage at the moment but it looks as though we won't be able to live there for at least six

Speaking at the scene, assistant divisional officer Bill McKenzie said that harsh condi-

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GUTTED: Firefighters in action at the scene of Monday's blaze in Old Harlow

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tions inside the building had made extinguish-

ing the blaze very difficult.
"When we arrived this morning there was a well-developed fire in the roof space," he said. "It has proved difficult to contain as there is only one access hatch to the loft and the conditions inside are extremely harsh and intense.

"At present we do not know the cause of the fire although it appears to have started in the loft. A full investigation will follow."

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Tributes to biker killed in accident

THE family of a motorcyclist killed in an accident have this week paid tribute to

Dave Westall (26), from Park Mead, Harlow, died after his bike collided with a car on the A414 outside Chelmsford shortly before 3.30pm last Tuesday.

He was airlifted from the scene to Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, but died a short time later. The car driver, an elderly woman from Brentwood, suffered a head injury and is now recovering at home.

In a statement through released Essex Police, Mr Westall's partner Zoe said: "Dave's life was cut shorter than it should have been but not before we all as a doorman. knew who he was. ways. He was warm

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ρι ing. "He will be missed in ways he could never have anticipated."

Mr Westall was born and raised in Harlow and went to William Martin Infant and Junior School and St Mark's secondary school.

On leaving school he worked for a local meat company but had several other iobs including work

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Richard Cowie chief executive St Clare Hospice FOR many years St Clare Hospice has been providing valuable services to the local community, helping people with lifethreatening illnesses and offering support to their families.

But with an ever-increasing demand for those services, the Hastingwood hospice is now looking to that same community for help. And that means all of us.

The simple fact is it that with just eight beds, the hospice does not have enough to care for everyone who needs it. A recent report by the West Essex Primary Care Trust said St Clare should be a 16-20 bed specialist unit.

"We are extremely disheartened when we hear of patients with life-limiting illnesses dying in hospital A&E departments or on their own at home," said Richard Cowie, chief executive of St Clare. "It is our mission to be a service for anyone and everyone who has a life-limiting illness within West Essex and East Herts to be able to access our service in some way.

"We will need to extend our hospice centre to include more in-patient beds in the next five years but this will be too late for many of our patients and their families so we need to do something to help them now," said Mr Cowie.

"We are now providing more outpatient appointments than ever before, we have appointed a new team of occupational, physio and complementary therapists to work with people in the community and here in the hospice centre and we are providing more free equipment to people in their homes, reducing the need for them to be admitted to hospital or long-term care setting.

"We also plan to open a new day hospice service later in the year which will provide more services for both patients and their carers or families."

But all this costs money – currently £2m a year to provide services free of charge to patients and their families. Yet St Clare receives only 30 per cent of its funding from the NHS. "We need the support of our local communities to cover this cost and help us be there for more family members, neighbours, colleagues and friends in the coming years," said Mr Cowie.

And that is where you, our readers, can help. In a few weeks time — Saturday, June 21 - the hospice will be holding its first-ever Midnight Walk along the cycle paths of Harlow.

The idea is to get thousands of women to take part, each one sponsored to raise money for the hospice.

So if you fancy a gentle 10km stroll on what will hopefully be a warm summer's evening in the company of other like-minded women, sign up now. This is NOT a race or a run; you can go at your own pace in what promises to be a great girls' night out.

Hundreds of individuals and teams have already joined the Midnight Walk which is being supported by the **Harlow Star**, our sister paper the *Bishop's Stortford Observer* and Ten-17fm. Registration could not be simpler – you can request a registration pack by telephone or, even easier, register online. Just follow the instructions in the panel.

The cost of registration is £15 per walker but of course you can raise much more for the hospice by getting yourself sponsored.

To take part you must be over the age of 16. Places are limited and will be allocated in the order entries are processed.

Marshals will be stationed along the route-which starts and finishes at The Water Gardens – to guide and assist participants when necessary. The Midnight Walk is accessible to wheelchair users.

Mr Cowie said: "Each of these T-shirts lying around me represents around 10 patients a day on our waiting list for an in-patient bed. I think everyone has some experience of a lifelimiting illness and I'm sure those that have experienced the care our hospice provides would want others to receive that same care in what is always a difficult time."

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Abseiler Harry (92) all ready to make jump



A PENSIONER with a penchant for adventure will take his thrill-seeking to a new level when he abseils off Church Langley water tower at the age of 92.

Harry Joseph, *pictured above*, will take the plunge next month. The D-Day Normandy veteran, who first got a taste for the wild side when on holiday in Turkey at the age of 85, said the abseil will be a piece of cake to complete in light of his other accomplishments, which include paragliding.

"This should be easy because it's only letting myself down by a piece of rope," he said. "I went to my doctor and even he said I would be fine to do it."

Mr Joseph, of School Lane, Harlow, will take part in the event in aid of St Clare Hospice next weekend.

Stepdaughter Shirley Edwards said: "We are all amazed but he is so active for his age. He really is an incredible fellow."

Pool tragedy of dive enthusiast

By ELIZABETH REEVE star@hertsessexnews.co.uk

POOLSIDE staff and paramedics battled in vain to save the life of a Harlow man who was taken ill while swimming.

Described by his family as "one of the fittest people around", Ian Juniper (68), a founder and well-respected member of Harlow Sub-Aqua Club, died after suffering a massive heart attack at Leventhorpe Pool And Gym, in Sawbridgeworth.

An East Herts Council spokesman said Mr Juniper had been swimming lengths in the pool at about 2pm last Wednesday when he appeared to falter in the water.

A life guard went into the water to rescue him and the duty manager performed CPR to bring him around. Paramedics continued to try and resuscitate but were unable to save him

Mr Juniper, of The Maples, Harlow, was a semi-retired electronics engineer who had worked for Pitney Bowes for more than 20 years.

He swam regularly and had used the Leventhorpe pool since Harlow Council shut the town's pool last September.

Mr Juniper's son Andy said: "He was incredibly fit for his age. He swam a few miles a week, cycled 30 to 40 miles without batting an eyelid and was heavily involved with the local diving club.



"He was always very busy and put 100 per cent into all he did which was lots of things. There are lots of people who are going to miss his time and effort."

Mr Juniper was the longest serving member of Harlow Sub-Aqua Club. Paying tribute, Bill Hulse said: "He was one of the senior instructors and had trained a lot of members over many years in various diving skills

bers over many years in various diving skills.

"He was an accomplished diver and was

an advanced instructor with the British Sub-Aqua Club. He is going to be missed."

Mr juniper leaves his wife, Beth, to whom he was married for 40 years, sons Andy and Michael, and three grandchildren.

The funeral is due to be held at St James' Church, in Staple Tye, Harlow, on Thursday.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Essex Air Ambulance and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Lecturers and teachers take strike action

SCHOOLS in Harlow look set to be affected by planned strike action by the National Union of Teachers today (Thursday).

Thousands of schools throughout the country are expected to be either closed or operating only partially during the day as a result of the strike over pay. The union is unhappy with a 2.45 per cent rise and is demanding at least 4.1 per cent.

It is not known how many in Harlow will be affected but county education chiefs produced a list naming scores of schools they believe will suffer knock-on effects.

Meanwhile, lecturers at Harlow College are also set to join the picket line today as union members also go on strike over pay.

Local members of the University and College Union voted overwhelmingly in favour of the walkout in support of a pay claim which seeks to bridge the gap between their wages and those of schoolteachers.

The union is demanding a six per cent pay increase or an extra £1,500 per annum, whichever is greater, arguing that further education lecturers' average pay is currently about six per cent less than that of equivalent schoolteachers.

It remains unclear exactly how many lecturers will be on strike, although it is understood the college will remain open as usual.



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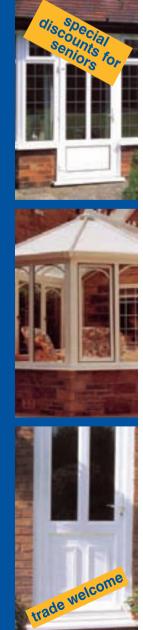








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The importance of this, to both the child and parent, is widely acknowledged, not least by our National Health Service.

To learn that pressure on resources is making this impossible for one Harlow woman - despite the desire of NHS staff to resolve the situation - is therefore very concerning.

We are constantly reminded of how much extra money has been pumped into the NHS in the past 11 years.

That's fine - but how many more years do we have to wait before all the extra cash succeeds in preventing unacceptable situations such as this?

Heads should roll for loss of panto

SIR, I was appalled to read about the end of the local pantomime (**Star**, April 17).

It was a local pantomime because it was written by local people, produced by local people and the cast were local people. Next year we are to get a professional production using professional cast members and presumably the "local content" will be a couple of weak jokes about Church Langley (sorry if I've stolen their punchline!).

The Harlow pantomime in the past has rated amongst the best in the country and I don't just mean in the ranks of amateur productions. Take a look at any of the reviews in the professional stage magazines. Its strength was that it was a traditional pantomime where the story mattered, not some C-list celebrity desperately trying to raise their profile. It was better because there was no celebrity.

The council officers responsible for reducing the pantomime to this should be dismissed. They have clearly failed the town and not performed to an acceptable level. They are responsible for losing people who year after year showed that they can and responsible for hiring people who have now demonstrated that they can't.

The council also needs to justify its intention to take the junior chorus out of school for

the term time matinees. Silence is not acceptable and nor is children missing school to make a profit for the production company. Again, the 'old' pantomime show times were built around people's employment which fitted in well with school

The proposed financial arrangement seems to demonstrate why the council is in the financial state it is. Previous pantomimes have been very close to total sell-outs and not much additional income was available. They had the costs of staging the production and no cast costs. Next year, as well as the staging costs, a production company is going to make a profit (that's why they are doing it) and they are paying a professional cast and Harlow Council expect to generate at least the same net income. Am I alone in thinking something doesn't add up here? Let the council officers put their money where their mouth is. Let's have a commitment from the council chief executive that seat costs will be the same as last year (okay, he can have a retail price index increase) and that the director responsible for leisure services will be dismissed if the net income to the council does not exceed last year.

In fact, he could go as well! If they are confident in their plans that commitment should not be a problem. I, for one, will NOT be helping him keep his job!

David Guest

SIR, Your piece on Harlow Council "selling off" the panto to a private company (**Star**, April 17) really does show that the council shows no concern at all for the people of

For as long as I can remember, the panto has been a local concern and having been involved in it for a few years and my children being in it a number of times it seems to me that this is just another step towards the inevitable demise of The Playhouse

The treatment of the former manager and damaged the future for all of the local productions at what is an exceptional venue, offering new bright ideas and opportunities amazing amount of time and effort with no wish of payment, only the chance to shine. Maybe it's time for the people of Harlow to stand up and not just be trodden on by a council who obviously don't take into

Plight is no bore

SIR, I have never felt so compelled to write to a newspaper before until I read the letter from Miss Jackson "Enough of this

children because if she had she would know that most parents have a deep passion for their offspring; that they would move Heaven and Earth to care for them and if, by awful chance they are killed, they would want to know how their child died and, if murdered, by whom.

I think this letter just sums up the attitude of selfish people today; - 'nothing to do with me, so I don't want to know Well, I do want to know, I have had the

good fortune to have met Mr Lubbock - he was a driver for a well-known garage in town before this terrible thing happened. He was always courteous and cared about others and it's a shame that there are not more like him in this world.

I suggest that if you don't want to read something that might bore you, Miss Jackson, turn the page – I'm sure there are more than enough celebrity pages and fashion columns to keep you amused. Incidentally, although having moved from Harlow a few years ago, I still work here and enjoy reading the **Harlow Star**.

Janet MacDonald Heath Road, Mildenhall

SIR, Hooray! Hooray! for the letter from Miss S. Jackson regarding (as she so rightly puts it) the "vendetta" against Mr Barrymore by Mr Lubbock.

I am sure most people felt sympathy for the loss of Mr Lubbock's son but enough is enough, many of us are sick and tired of seeing it over and over again in the press. I have written on this subject before and I have seen other letters from different people expressing the same feelings.

As Miss Jackson says, Mr Barrymore has given many hours of pleasure with his humour and quick wit to many people - he has had enough of a troubled life already one way or another, and I truly think that if Mr Lubbock had not continuously run the man down and made insinuations about him over the years, then Mr Barrymore could have got on with his life and his career and continued to make thousands of people laugh.

Let the man live his life and you get on with yours, Mr Lubbock ... and sorry to hear you have been ill, but also as Miss Jackson says, why on earth would it be of interest to the public?

The Press, of course, is as bad for printing the same old stuff over and over again regarding this matter.

S.J. Lodge

Clover Field, Harlow Theatre progress

SIR, I read with interest the piece regarding the Victoria Hall Theatre (**Star**, April 10). In view of several inaccuracies and lack of background detail, I thought I should write to you to ensure that the record is put straight.

Victoria Hall was built in 1888, paid for by public subscription and covenanted. I understand, for educational and community use. From the 1960s forward, it was primarily used for Youth Services activities following its acquisition by the county council.

In 1995, The Playhouse in the town centre closed due to lack of funding and a number of arts organisations found themselves homeless. At the initiative of an officer of the county council's Youth Service, charitable funding was successfully sought from a major national company based in Harlow. Since this funding was made available under company charitable donation legislation, the county council officer arranged for a registered charity to be formed to receive the funds and be responsible for developing the project to convert Victoria Hall into a community theatre and to run it in the future.

The newly formed charity proceeded to raise further funds and over a period of a year or so achieved a total of nearly £50,000, including the company donation. These charitable funds were used to convert this run down village hall-type building into the theatre that we see today.

During the period of the alteration works, the Victoria Hall Performing Arts Association sought to obtain from the county council an agreement to provide the association with security of tenure. Continually such efforts were unsuccessful as the responsibility for the property was moved from department to department. In 2005, the association was informed the building was surplus to the county council's requirements and it would be placed on the open market for sale.

At that time, as a result of the help of the local county councillor, a meeting was held with senior representatives of the county council and agreement was reached that a three-year, short-term lease would be granted to enable the association to raise the funds to purchase the property under the terms of the council's assisted purchase scheme for community organisations.

It took almost a year to obtain a completion of this lease – but without a firm indication at that time of the proposed purchase price.
The best that could be achieved in discussion was an indication the figure would be in the region of £90,000. During this period, the responsibility for the sale was transferred to Commercial agents and as late as the autumn of 2007 they indicated, at last, their expectation was a purchase price of £150,000

As your readers will see, this is a sorry story of inaction by the authority over the period 1995-2007, with the delays and continued uncertainty causing problems for the association in planning for both their short and long-term future. Despite this, excellent public support has been attracted and the venue has become an important part of community facilities in the Old Town. Now that Harlow Renaissance is developing plans for the regeneration of the area and in which the county council is one of the partners, it is to be hoped that this valuable community asset can be retained for use by the people of Old Harlow into the future. As your article suggests, we continue to seek clarity around the prospects for the venue and hope to engage in direct dialogue with council officers in the very near future

rather than via their commercial agents. **Paul Johnson**

Chairman, The Victoria Hall Performing Arts Association Bury Road, Old Harlow

McLandfill worry

SIR, My sister was recently taken to McDonald's as a treat by our Gran. She returned with her Happy Meal toy, which was a non-recyclable CD and thick plastic

What with the 'throw away' packaging (which we find completely archaic), the inclusion of such toys must surely make McDonald's responsible for overfilling our landfill sites!

When are big companies such as this going to take responsibility for the environment? We do our bit McDonald's – you should do

Robyn Court (aged 12) Paddock Mead, Harlow

subsequent resignation many believe children who wish to be involved in for those who undoubtedly put in an account the views of the people. **Jamie Pring** Sovereign Court, Harlow vendetta" (Letters, April 17). Berecroft, Harlow Obviously, Miss Jackson has never had

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Praise for disability centre's staff

A SENIOR opposition MP was in Harlow on Monday to check out facilities for the disabled. Shadow work and pensions secretary Chris Grayling joined Harlow Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon at the Maybury Centre, in Burgoyne Hatch.

As well as looking after about 70 people with physical or mental disabilities, the centre also works to support the town's homeless in partnership with charity Streets2Homes, of which Mr Halfon is a trustee.

Afterwards, Mr Grayling said: "The Maybury Centre is an inspirational place. It is so good to see those with special needs and other difficulties having a wonderful place to go to and participate in such a wide range of activities.

"Harlow should be proud that



DEDICATED: Pictured are, left to right, Claire Cooper, Sue Mullis, Jane Steer, Danielle Terrell, Mr Halfon and Mr Grayling (photo: Q9XLWDRX/02)

this organisation exists and the staff and volunteers are to be

congratulated on their hard work and dedication."

Cabbie sueing PAH for harm

ly avoided death after being stabbed in the neck is at the centre of a legal battle for compensation from Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust.

Leslie Dye survived after emergency treatment at the Harlow hospital but suffered a brain haemorrhage which has left him disabled and dependent on others, according to a writ issued at London's High Court and just made publicly available.

Now, through his daughter Emma Dye, he is claiming damages from the hospital Trust for his injuries.

Mr Dye, of the Jacob Centre, Neurological Services, Sawbridge-

A TAXI driver who narrow- worth accuses the Trust of negligence stabbing injury. over the treatment he received between May 3-13, 2003 which he claims led to his condition.

Mr Dye was at work as a taxi driver when he was assaulted and stabbed in the neck. He was taken to the accident and emergency department of Princess Alexandra Hospital and records show he had a possible broken nose and cuts to his left ear, head and neck. His wounds were stitched and he was admitted to hospital.

Doctors had planned to discharge him on May 6 but he was unwell and was not discharged until May 13. However, he was readmitted on May 17 with a brain haemorrhage.

The writ says he should have been urgently referred to the neurosurgical team when he complained of a whooshing sound in his ear, a symptom of a complication caused by the

A CT scan missed the sign of brain haemorrhage but if abnormalities had been correctly identified, doctors would have investigated the source of the bleeding and he would have been treated for it, the writ adds.

However, Mr Dye suffered a heart attack and brain haemorrhage, collapsing on May 17, 2003. He is now confined to bed or a wheelchair, needs help to eat and has only limited communication.

His memory, awareness and alertness are impaired and he depends on others around the clock.

His legal team claims the radiologist who reported on his CT scan on May 8 failed to see the abnormalities and that the Trust should have ensured a properly qualified radiologist was on call and instructed to

Abused wife 'put herself on streets'

Harlow faces the prospect of living rough after a judge ruled she had herself to blame for being thrown out of a women's refuge.

London's Appeal Court ruled Rosemary Richards, from Harlow, was "intentionally homeless" after she was kicked out of an Ipswich refuge

Justice Wilson

AN abused woman from ruled on Thursday that Richards fled from Harlow Harlow faces the prospect refuges can be classified as in July 2006 as a result of accommodation under the Housing Act 1996 and that when she was evicted due to her threatening behaviour she became intentionally homeless and lost her

right to council housing.

The judge, sitting with
Master of the Rolls Sir Anthony Clarke and Lord

her partner's violence and moved into the Ipswich Women's Aid refuge.

He said she disliked the hostel and in November 2006 was thrown out for swearing at and threatening a member of staff.

In the same case, the court heard Sharon Moran, Justice Tuckey, said Ms from Manchester, was a different conclusion.

thrown out of a refuge in that city for losing her temper with staff.

Both the women's legal teams had argued a refuge could not be described as accommodation under the Housing Act.

But Lord Justice Wilson upheld the rulings of both relevant councils and said they could not have reached

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The show has previously seen thousands of pounds made for owners.

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WELCOME TO **SCHOOLBAG**

This week, STEWARDS bade a sad farewell to a familiar and popular face; there were more tears of goodbye as SPINNEY JUNIOR waved off a longwaved off a long-serving headteacher; staff and tots at RUM TUM TUGGERS got into a sporty frame of mind for charity; and CHURCH LANGLEY PRIMARY played host to a drama with healthy living at its heart. at its heart.

JIM TANFIELD Schoolbag reporter

Tell us what's going on at your school Contact Jim on (01279) 451545



A big relief to be in the red

RUM TUM TUGGERS DAY NURSERY: Staff and children were seeing red at the Riddings Lane for a day of fundraising

All wore something red to show their support for Sport Relief, which raises cash for those in need. Throughout the day, the

SPORTY: Staff and children dressed up for the special Sport Relief day (photo: CR23RFSC/05)

children were offered chances to take part in a wide range of physical challenges like balancing, hopping and crawling through tunnels.

Co-owner Hayley Martin-Burns said: "Children are

always encouraged to be physically active at nursery but today was a chance to showcase healthy bodies and raise money for a worthy cause. The children all received a certificate to praise their participation."

Goodbye to a popular head



SPINNEY JUNIOR: The long-serving headteacher of the Cook's Spinney school has said a tearful goodbye to her pupils after nearly 13 years at the helm.

Children bade farewell to Christine Marshall, pictured above, at an assembly where she was given cards, flowers and a

In return, Mrs Marshall presented the

school with two memorial trophies - named after herself and her father – which will be awarded each term to the most improved

Frances Matthews, who takes over as acting head, said: "We shall remember and celebrate all her hard work for the school and we know she is looking forward to spending time on her allotment.'

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Library will be quieter place



STEWARDS: Libraries are quiet enough places but the one in the Parnall Road school will now be even more so following the retirement of a much-loved member of

Margaret Leach (80) has served as a volunteer for 20 years, visited the library at Stewards every week to listen to children read, helping with organisation and generally supporting the staff.

Headteacher Rhonda Murthar said: "We are all going to miss Margaret. She has a wonderful personality – cheerful, good

FAREWELL: Pictured, left to right, are volunteer Barbara Hope, Margaret Leach and librarian Anne Phillips (s)

humoured and kind. The pupils always looked forward to seeing her."

To mark her farewell, Margaret was treated to a celebration lunch and received numerous gifts and flowers.

School librarian Anne Phillips added: "Margaret has been an inspiration to us all, an ambassador for living life to the full and embracing the younger generation."

A Dickens of a good way to learn

CHURCH LANGLEY PRIMARY: Fajitas and fresh vegetables had starring roles in a play about healthy meals performed at the school. Queen's Theatre group staged Olivia Twist for the children, a parody of the

Charles Dickens novel.

Young orphan Olivia finds the poor quality of her school meals and food at the orphanage is making it difficult for her to concentrate and to make friends.

She goes on a journey and learns about the benefits of a healthy and balanced

A spokesman for the school said: "It was a fabulous play and the children thoroughly enjoyed the show. Some of the children have already asked their parents to

make the fajitas seen in the

performance!"

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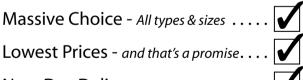


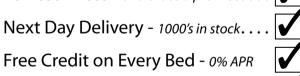






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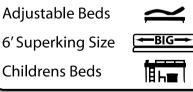
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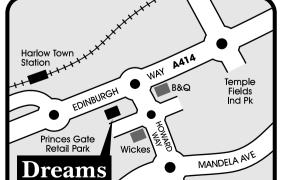


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Growing up in Colt Hatch

OUR piece about the history of Colt Hatch jogged memories for Harlow councillor Simon Carter, whose family were the third to move in to Upper Park in 1956.

"The roads were not made up, it was raining and there was mud everywhere," he recalled of the day they arrived.

"We used the shops at Colt Hatch. My mother and I would walk over with the shopping list on a Tuesday morning and the boy with his delivery bicycle would deliver in the afternoon. It was a fascinating shop, with big jars of biscuits and other things, a huge bacon slicer and cheese wire cutter. It was amazing what they managed to squeeze in.

"There was also the fresh fish shop - I think it was called Macfisheries – and the milliners at the end nearest the common room with its fascinating window of buttons and drapery hanging everywhere in the shop. Very mysterious!

"Hitchman's the Dairy used to deliver the milk and the milkman would leave a gift when he knew of a new birth."

Documentary seeking help

RESIDENTS with vivid memories of the early New Town – particularly those with film footage from old cine or video cameras - can help with a new Channel 4 documentary.

The programme will be about housing in post-war England and the producer is keen to include the story of Harlow. For details, call Kate Scholefield on 0207 907 3438.

Moving from pub to grub!



By BEN WILKINSON

IT'S not often *Nostalgia* steps outside Harlow, but this week we head to Hastingwood – more specifically, to McDonald's.

For many readers, certainly younger ones, this site just off the M11 roundabout will never have been anything other than a fast food outlet.

McDonald's has been there some years and, prior to that, the site lay derelict. But next time you go in to order your Big Mac and fries, take a moment to inspect the display of photographs on the wall and you will learn an interesting little bit of history about the Bull And Horseshoes public house.

Back in the 1920s and '30s, this was run by George and Rose Walker, and it is thanks to their son Bernie, who lived there as a baby, that the pub's history is commemorated now.

Not only is the display there for all customers to see, but the new building itself has been designed as a faithful replica of the old tavern. Bernie (76), of Harefield, Harlow, said: "The site was derelict for some time and I remember going down there to have a look. There was loads of memorabilia that I could have nicked and, looking back, I wish I had!

"Some time later I heard that



McMEMORIES: Bernie Walker and his sister Rose Mitchell outside the former Bull And Horseshoes public house (photo: XDNLWHJV/08)

McDonald's were planning to clear the site and build a restaurant. I thought it was very sad that a piece of the area's history was going to be completely lost, so I found a number for McDonald's in the United States and phoned them up.

"After I explained my connection with the place, I found them to be very helpful and keen to hear my ideas. I was passed on to someone in the UK and they were very responsive to the things I suggested."

Among the features of the old pubshown in the display is the tea room, which Bernie's father built alongside the pub, and the manual petrol pump which was fed by a huge storage tank in the rear.

The modern building is easily mistaken for a refurbishment of the old pub, right down to details such as the porch.

"Back in those days of my youth, the Walkers had the pub trade pretty much sewn up!" added Bernie. "My aunt had the White Horse, at Potter Street; my father's stepsister had the White Horse, in Old Road; my favourite uncle had the Chequers, in Commonside Road, and another aunt had the White Horse, in High Cross. White Horse was obviously a popular pub name back then!"

• Do you remember drinking in the Bull And Horseshoes or at other local hostelries? Write to *Nostalgia*.

OPERATION SAFETY

'OPERATION Safety' is now under way with council workmen out in force to repair the numerous broken pavements in Harlow.

The mammoth repair task is expected to take five years to complete - and an estimated £500,000 is likely to be spent during the first 12 months.

SWITCH ON TO ANGLIA

HARLOW is fast becoming the nation's most 'switched-on' town.

Following the introduction of Channel 4 and breakfast television in the past few months, homes linked to the council's cable system can now get Anglia TV too.

25 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1983

MEDD'S MOUND IS OPEN

THE work of two late members of the Harlow and District Sports Trust was commemorated at the Sportcentre on Saturday.

Joyce Medd opened a memorial garden, called Medd's Mound, to her husband Alan, formerly honorary treasurer of the trust and general manager of Harlow Council.

The main hall was also renamed the Arthur Noble Hall after the former president and founder member of the trust.

CAR SHOCK

WHEN Richard Knight was woken by a neighbour on Sunday morning and told to look outside, he wasn't quite prepared for the sight that greeted him.

His X-registration Vauxhall Chevette car had been turned over on its side for no apparent reason.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Has anything in this week's Nostalgia jogged your memory?

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Employers are urged to look for depression

AN employment relations watchdog is urging employers to be alert for the signs of depression in the workplace after research suggested bosses underestimate its potential to damage business.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service has also claimed that one in every 10 workers will have a mental health problem in any one year. Now the organisation has produced a free online guide about dealing with stress at work and hopes it will highlight the fact that mental health issues in the workplace can be very disruptive, affecting an employee's performance and potentially becoming a costly burden for the business.

ACAS East of England regional director David Prince said: "Spotting and doing something about troubled employees is an important business skill.

"As well as being good managers in the traditional sense, we urge bosses to look out for early indicators before they develop into something more serious, like stress and depression. Healthy and content workers translate directly into productive employees.

To access the free guide to health, work and wellbeing, visit www.acas.org.uk or call the helpline on 08457 474747.

GSK gets drugs firm for £362m

PHARMACEUTICAL giant GlaxoSmithKline is set to take over a major US drugs firm in a deal worth £362m, it was announced on Tuesday.

GSK, which has a research and development facility in Harlow, struck the multi-million pound deal with Sirtis Pharmaceuticals after offering £11.33 per share for the American company.

The firm hopes the acquisition will enhance its drug research by establishing it in the field of sirtuins – a recently discovered class of enzymes believed to be involved in the ageing process. Sirtris is able to exploit these enzymes for the treatment of human disease, giving GSK the potential to create clinically and commercially important

GSK research and development chairman Moncef Slaoui said: 'This acquisition continues GSK's strategy of pursuing the best new science, externally or internally, to bring new medicines to patients and value to the GSK pipeline."

Barclays offers a green award

BUSINESS leaders who take their environmental responsibilities seriously can qualify for a prestigious new award run by Barclays Commercial Bank.

The Green Leaders In Business scheme has been launched to promote the idea that going green makes sound business sense by reducing costs, attracting new customers, increasing appeal in the recruitment market and staying ahead of regulation.

Job losses point the way to tough times

FEARS of an impending recession By CHRIS MOSS are mounting in Harlow after the revelations that nearly 300 jobs are set to disappear in the town.

More than 200 staff at travel firm TUI will face redundancy in September, while cutbacks at United Glass and sportswear retailer JJB will see a further likely cull of at least 65 jobs. And with house prices in the area stagnant and mortgage lenders tightening their belts and refusing to pass on reductions in interest rates to their customers, all the indicators seem to point to rocky times ahead for the local economy.

Harlow's Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon believes the worst is yet to come and argued that the Government should ultimately be held to account for the financial mismanagement of taxpayers' money.

"Gordon Brown's fatal flaw is that he has failed to save for a rainy day," he said. "The economy is in a lot of trouble – personal debt and national debt has spiralled while taxes have simultaneously gone up.

"He has spent billions and billions of pounds of taxpayers' money, but still the economy is losing out and people are beginning to realise he has very little to

"I'm not surprised these job losses have come at this time and the fact the Government has abolished the 10p tax threshold means even more vulnerable Harlow families are set to lose out."

But according to town centre manager

mossc@hertsessexnews.co.uk

better position than many to withstand the impact of any economic crisis.

"What you have to remember is that Harlow has a fantastic reputation as being a lowcost, good-value-for-money shopping area,"

'The places that are really set to suffer are those towns with glitzy, exclusive shops and a relatively wealthy population. There's no doubt it's going to be a tough year, but I'm confident that Harlow is well-placed both demographically and geographically to withstand economic pressures.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell echoed Mr Dennery's optimism, although he admitted the whole country was facing troubled

"I am very disappointed about the recent announcements of job losses in Harlow," he said. "It is clear that the country is facing difficult economic times which will affect all major towns both in the UK and abroad this year.

"However, I do not believe that these job losses signify the start of a recession in Harlow or the UK, and I do not believe that we are headed towards anything like the situation under the last Tory government when interest rates were regularly over 10 per cent and we saw unemployment reach over three million.

"Today, unemployment nationally is at its lowest level for 30 years and interest rates are low and coming down, while the strength of the UK economy is probably the best in the advanced world."

Burial site's dedication



THE UK's largest woodland burial park is set to open in North Weald next month after a special multifaith service marked its completion. Led by the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev John Gladwin, the service welcomed representatives from all faiths and was followed by the release of several doves in tribute to those already laid to rest

Work on the environmentally friendly 52-acre site began last summer and now an access road, reception centre, gathering hall,

in the woodland.

ceremonial courtvard and woodland hall have been created to accommodate funeral services and memorials.

From next month, the park will be open seven days a week, although work will continue to improve the biodiversity of the woodland and create a haven for wildlife.

Managing director Nick Taylor said: "We're very pleased with the new buildings and delighted that representatives from a variety of faiths took part in the dedication

Motability's offering disabled drivers a very personal touch



conversions to make travelling safer and more comfortable for disabled drivers are now on show at a new store in Harlow. Motability's Mobility Solutions Centre, at the firm's headquarters in Roydon Road, offers a quiet and spacious environment for people with disabilities to view and test out the latest products on the market.

The centre will be manned by a team of professionals who will be on hand to assess the

specific needs of each individual – whether they are a driver or a passenger – and provide them with best-fit solutions.

ON SHOW: Bill Rammell

The registered charity company runs affordable car and wheelchair schemes nationwide, providing freedom and new opportunities to more than 480,000 people struggling with disability.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell officially opened the showroom

on Friday and said: "Many of us take for granted the ability to get in a car without a second thought and drive to work or to

"For some severely disabled people and full-time wheelchair users, it's not as simple as that. But it's certainly not impossible with the help of the Motability Scheme, and this new centre will be a great asset to people in the Harlow area and far beyond.'



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George's braving West Gate ow, Essex M20 1JW TIORIAL Editor N MORLEY Duty Editor UN NEWMAN



A VETERAN sailing instructor from Harlow is to take on his biggest maritime challenge yet after being inspired by his poorly grandson.

George Jepps (64), pictured left, of The Maples, sets sail from Plymouth next week for a single-handed voyage halfway across the Atlantic to the Azores.

'Captain George', as he is known, teaches sailing skills at Harlow's Rivermill Centre and has taught more than 1,000 people to sail over the vears.

He has also taken on sailing challenges around the coast of Britain and Ireland.

But this is likely to be his toughest expedition yet as he faces rough waters and potentially difficult weather in his 25ft yacht *Culica*. Mr Jepps hopes to raise more than £1,000 through sponsorship for Little Hearts

Matter, which supports the

families of babies and children with heart defects. Among those to have been helped by the charity are his daughter Holly and two-year-old grandson Maxwell, who has had open heart surgery three times and could need a transplant in the future.

"Although sailing is nothing new to me, this will be the first time I have raised money for this good cause and I hope to make as much money as possible," said Mr Jepps. "Through Max's severe heart problems, I have seen the excellent work that this charity does and I really can't think of a better cause. "I'm looking forward to

setting sail but I am apprehensive about it too – the Atlantic can be a nasty place if you don't get the right weather, so it could get very lumpy!"

Although sailing alone, Mr Jepps' progress will be tracked by satellite and can be followed on the internet at www.myspace.com/georgejepps. To sponsor him, visit www.justgiving.com/georgejepps.

New probus chief

EPPING'S Probus club for retired men has a new president in the shape of Harry Pennington.

Previously the club's vice-president and welfare officer, he was elected at the recent annual meeting after being nominated by retiring president Ralph

Mr Pennington said: "I would like to thank members for the confidence they have expressed in me. The standards set by previous presidents will be a hard act to follow.'

For information about joining Probus, call (01992) 573188.

A night for ladies

REFLEXOLOGY was among the treatments on offer at a ladies' night held in aid of Haven House Children's Hospice on Thursday.

Dozens of people attended the event at the 65 Berecroft residents' office to join in the pampering fun.

Pamper and quiz

A LADIES' pamper evening takes place at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Bush Fair, tomorrow (Friday) from 7pm. Admission is free. On Saturday, the church is holding a quiz night for teams of four to six people. Tickets are £4 each. Call Paul Fry on (01279) 830539 for details.

A fine dog day

DOG owners can help support cancer sufferers throughout Essex by taking part in Macmillan's annual sponsored dog walk on May 25.

The event, at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, raised £15,000 last year. For more details, call (01245)

Stroke awareness

STROKE awareness is at the top of the agenda on Saturday when Harlow Tye Rotary Club holds a special event at the Harvey Centre.

Nurses from Princess Alexandra Hospital's stroke unit will be on hand to take people's blood pressure from 10am-4pm.

Fibromyalgia help

SUFFERERS of fibromyalgia, a debilitating musculoskeletal fatigue condition, can seek help and advice at a special support group coffee

It takes place on May 12, from 9am-1pm, at the Rainbow Centre, in Wych Elm, Harlow.

Get on your bikes

PEDAL power can be turned into charity cash at the Big Bike Ride 2008, which takes place from June

The fundraiser, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will feature cycling events throughout the county. For more information, call 0845 1303073 or visit www.bigbikeride.co.uk

Ready for a jump?

THRILL-seekers can do a 10,000ft parachute jump for free by getting sponsored in aid of St Clare Hospice. For more details, call the hospice's fundraising administrator on (01279)



Postal staff set out in friend's memory



A GROUP of 19 staff from Harlow Post Office are to take part in next month's Cancer Research UK Race For Life in memory of a much-loved colleague.

The women, aged 17-60 and all employed at the Stone Cross branch, in The High, hope to add thousands of pounds to the fundraising total as a way of remembering their friend Vanessa Jones.

The 54-year-old, who had worked at both the Staple Tve and town centre Post Offices, lost her two-year battle with cancer earlier this month and her funeral was held last Monday. Elizabeth Tibble, who is among

those taking part, said: "We are all missing Vanessa so much and want to make a big impact in her

"The Post Office are matching what we raise pound-for-pound, so we hope our customers can give generously for this very

FIRST CLASS!: Colleages at Harlow Post Office are all getting ready to join the Race For Life (photo: LQM23SMW/03)

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the women can call in to the post office or visit

www.justgiving.com/vanessajones. **Entries for the Harlow Race For** Life, which takes place in the Town Park on May 18, have now closed, with all 2,000 places for the 5km run and walk filled. Cancer Research UK

spokeswoman Gill Burgess said: "I am overwhelmed that the Harlow event has filled so quickly. But for those who think they have missed out, the good news is that there are still places left at events in other nearby towns."

The Epping Race For Life takes place on July 9 at North Weald Airfield. To enter, call 0871 6412271 or visit www.raceforlife.org/centraleast.

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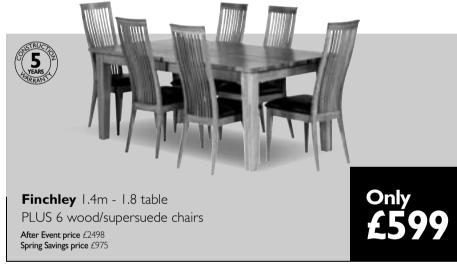
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wheat. The Government thinks that by making more use of fuels like this we can help cut pollution levels and limit the environmental damage to

But some scientists and campaigners argue that increased use of biofuels could do more harm to the environment than good.

Campaigners dressed as giant corn plants protested outside Parliament last week. They claim that people have been forced off their land and rainforests have been destroyed in

developing countries just to make space for the crops to grow. They also say it takes a lot of

What

energy to turn the crops into fuel and warn that using more biofuels will lead to a rise in food prices. Robert Bailey, policy adviser

Biofuels? to the development charity Oxfam, said:

"People in poor countries are being driven off their land to make way for new plantations.

"They are working in punishing conditions for a pittance. The price of food is spiralling rapidly out of their reach and rainforests are being destroyed.

But the Government claims research shows biofuels will cut the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by our cars. Carbon dioxide is one of the socalled "greenhouse gases" which are thought to be a major cause of climate change.

TODAY George (member 937), of Willowfield, Harlow, is 1 **FRIDAY** KEANU (member

REANU (member 836), of Risdens, Harlow, is 8; ABBIE (member 490), of Woodcroft, Harlow, is 7; JACK (member 748), of Orchard Croft, Harlow, is 6.

SATURDAY

JESSICA (member 027), of Greenhills, Harlow, is 10

SUNDAY

DYLAN (member 734), of Kingsland, Harlow, is 8; AlDAN (member 518), of The Dashes, Harlow, is 7; LEAH (member 695), of Markwell Wood, Harlow, is 5

MONDAY

CRAIG (member 636), of Longfield, Harlow, is 11; REESE-MARIE (member 765), of Conyers, Harlow, is 3

TUESDAY

ARCHIE (member 650), of Berecroft, Harlow, is 5

WEDNESDAY

ZOE (member 602), of Herons Wood, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangres. JASMINE (member 751), of Pottersfield, Harlow, is 6

recruits

Siblings ALFIE
(member 933), who
is 4, HARRISON
(member 934), who
is 6, and KELSEY
(member 935), who
is 1, of Lower
Meadow, Harlow. Alfie
likes playing on the
computer, Harrison
enjoys watching Ben
10 and Kelsey likes
Dora The Explorer. Dora The Explorer.

DANNY (member 936), of The Downs, Harlow, is 4. He enjoys playing, drawing and swimming.

GEORGE (member 937), is 1 today, and he enjoys crawling





Rangers Fact File

NAME: Jude (member 716) DATE OF BIRTH: June 9, 2005 SCHOOL: Hatfield **Broad Oak under5s** HOBBIES: Riding his bike, jumping

up and down on the **DISLIKES: Lie-ins** and hand-dryers FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and chips **LEAST FAVOURITE** FAVOURITE BOOK: Oscar And Hoo

FAVOURITE TV: Lazytown
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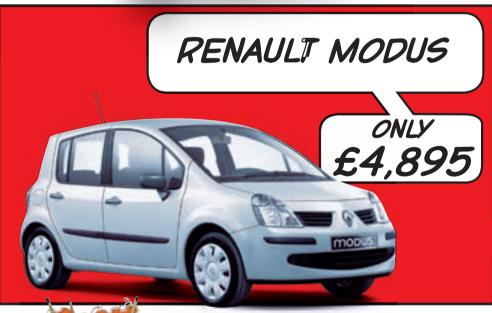
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Deaths



Passed away on 13.4.08. Will be sadly missed by Susan, Kevin and family

VY GISBOURNE

Passed away peacefully on Monday 21st April 2008, aged 82 years.

A much loved mum, nan, great nan and sister. Ivy will be sadly missed by all her family and her friends. Barry, Lyn, Lindsey, Zoe, Billy, Jayme and Ronny. Forever in our thoughts and in our hearts.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 2nd May 2008 at 12.30pm.

Flowers and all enquires to Daniel Robinson & Son, Wych Elm, Harlow, Tel: 01279 426990



be sadly missed.
Passed away 15th
April 2008.
Sleep tight.
All our love Ellie DAVID JOHN WESTALL Tragically after a road accident on 15th April 2008, aged 26 years. The dear son of Wendy and Sid, partner of Zoe, brother to Claire, a wonderful and Del. x Kev, Natalie grandson, nephew, uncle and friend to so many people. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends. and girls

David's funeral service is to be held on Friday 2nd May 2008, at the Latton Bush Centre, Southern Way, Harlow at 10.30am followed by cremation at

Parndon Wood Crematorium. All welcome. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for the Essex Air Ambulance Service. (Cheques made payable to MFH Charities Account).

All enquiries and donations to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238

STOWE. — Sheena (nee

Murray). Passed away suddenly, but peacefully at home in Hastings on 15th April. Will be missed by all the family. Funeral

to be held at 1pm on Friday 25th April in All Saints Church, All Saints

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LEGG. — Lynne. To special godmum, you will be sadly missed but never forgotten. With lots of love, Steph, xx

ELLEN MILLER (NELL)

Passed away peacefully on Saturday 19th April 2008, aged 89 years. A dearly loved mum. nan and great nan who will be sadly missed by all her family and everyone who knew her.

Funeral service to ake place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel on Friday 2nd May 2008 at 11.00am. Followed by

Wood Cemetery. Flowers and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279

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burial at Parndon

the hearts and memories of those they leave behind. Always in our thoughts, will miss you dearly. Love Trevor, Sally, David, Peter and Cheryl xx

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Val, Paul and Michael

BAXENDALE. — Kevin. 20th April. Thinking of you with love. Carolyn, Adrian and Bekah.

BAXENDALE. — Kevin. 20th April. Daddy, you're always the brightest star in the sky. Thinking of you with lots of love, Sara and

HILDA **BEARD**

The time since you left us has passed so quickly, but the pain still remains. Gone but never forgotten. Love always Carole, Colin, Gary, Ian, Sue, Ann, Karl

RON COLE

HICKS April 27th 2001 Te loved him dearly and miss him so much. A very special Husband, Dad and Grandad Forever in our hearts Betty and family

years ago you passed away, we miss and remember you Mum remember you Mum every day. All our love, Rob, Jan, Darren, Donna and Maxine. xxx

SUSAN T **REAY**

Missing you as always on this your Birthday 26th April. Love from Bob, Claire, Rebecca,

Mam and Dad.

Dad it was a sudden parting Too bitter to forget Those who loved you dearly Are the ones who can't forget We often sit and think of you And think of how you died To think you could not say goodbye Before you closed your eyes

BARRY FROST

29th April 2007

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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EDWARD

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(Ted) and

IRÉNE

STELLA

GRACE

In loving memory of our dear Dad

on 23rd April and Mum on 30th April. The years pass by and our lives may go on, but you are always in our hearts and

in our hearts and minds, sadly missed and fondly

remembered. Lots

Janice, Phillip, Hayley and Ryan

FROST. — Barry. 29.04.07. One year has passed but still missing you every day. All our love, Carol, Tony and Wendy, Michelle, Nathan, Hunder, Crittin and Ella

Hayden, Caitlin and Ella.

of love from
Judith, Malcolm,

FROST.

Before you closed your eyes
The blow was hard the shock severe
To part with one we loved so dear
Our loss is great, we'll not complain
But trust in God to meet again Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The links will join again

Missing you so much
Love Juliette, Brian, Bradley, Richard,
Ashley, Victoria, Nikita, Capriccia

COLBERT

JOHN

Sadly passed away on 13th April 2008. Aged 71 years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on

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(Ronny) Passed away peacefully April 18th after a short battle with cancer. A dearly loved dad to Trevor, Michael, daughter-in-law Sarah and beloved grandfather to Samuel, Emma and Chloe. Funeral service to be held at Enfield

May 1st at 10.30am. Flowers c/o Co-op Funeral Home, Fore Street, Edmonton

Crematorium on

JUNIPER

Aged 68, died suddenly whilst swimming on 16th April. A loving husband, father, grandfather and brother who will be missed by his family The Scuba Club and Residents'

IAN

Association, both of which he was deeply involved with will also be stunned by

his loss. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to the RNLI or Herts and Essex Air

Ambulance may be sent to Daniel Robinson (01279 426990) who can advise on funeral arrrangements

MARIE HARDY

Passed away peacefully on the 18th April. A service to celebrate her life is to take place on Friday 2nd May 2.30pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium. Family flowers only please but any donations for the Motor Neurone Disease Assocation can be sent to Co-operative Funeralcare, 20 High Street, Old



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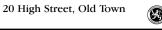


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in life to me My Husband and my friend And although you had to leave me Our love will Remembered

Return Thanks

5th Birthday

21st Birthday

ANDREWS

Betty and family would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and bowling friends for all cards and kind thoughts we received and attending the service for Morris at this sad time. Special thanks to Rev. J. Hunt and Jerome Masterson for all their kindness

JOE MARRION



Happy 5th Birthday Friday 26th April, 2008. Lots of love Grandma, Grandad, and Auntie Sarah.

PAULA FAULKNER

Congratulations on your 21st Birthday Paula, 30th April 2008 With lots of love

from Granny x





STEVE ROGERS

Happy 30th Birthday. Have a good one. Love Darren, Shelley, Charlie, Ben and Elle xxx



STEVE ROGERS

th Birthday 26.04.08 Hope you have a great weekend. All our love your lover Michael, Leanne, Ryan, Joel and Ella.



50th Birthday



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Happy 30th Birthday STUART **WELLS**

Love from all the family and Rachel

EDMUND GRAY

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported Edmund during his illness and those who attended his funeral and farewell. Sensitevely conducted by Rev Mark Bennet at Parndon Wood

PECK. — Kath and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for so many cards, lovely tributes, and donations, support and kind thoughts at this sad and difficult time. Thank you to Christine for a lovely service and to staff and Daniel Robinson.

PRYOR. — Les and family wishes to thank all who sent floral tributes and donations at the sad passing of my darling wife Sylvia. Thank you all once again, it was very much appreciated.

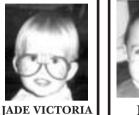
Birthday

Grandad. Happy Birthday. Love always, Kate, Blake, Gracee, Erin. Kate, Phil.

16th Birthday

BEAMENT

CAMERON. Happy 16th Em, love u lots. Nanny Jenny and all the family.



EMMA CUTHBERT

Wishing you a wonderful 16th Birthday. Happy 16th birthday. Have a good day. Luv Mum Enjoy your party! With love as always Mum Dad, Family, Auntie Di, Nan and Grandad xxx and Jamie xxx



EMMA HAYTER

Happy 21st Lots of love Mum, Dad, Lucy, Amy and Macy xxxx



WORTH

Happy Birthday from Mum, Dad Charlotte, Karlie Steve. Beverley. Kerry and Adam.

30th Birthday



(BURD) Have a fantastic day darling. Love Mum, Carly, Lee, Boys and family x

40th Birthday

DEBBIE GREGORY

Happy Birthday. Enjoy it. Lots and lots of love Daph and Ted xxx



CHERYL MINALL

is **40** With love from Angela, Richard, Elle Faye, Mum and Dad.

Happy 65th Birthday my darling.

You are one of the best, and good luck on your retirement.



Now I can leave the cooking to you. Love you always Ćarol XXX

1st Birthday



KACEY BARNETT

Happy 1st Birthday We love you so much, thank you for always making us laugh! Love from Mummy, Daddy and your big Brother Jake xxx

EMILY CAMERON

EMILY CAMERON

IS 16!



Happy 16th Birthday. Love Nan, Grandad, Barrie, Dids and Alfie XXXXX

Happy Birthday

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Love from

Mum, Dad,

Mary and

Millie

XXX



HERNON Happy 21st Birthday LOZ BOZ 30.4.08 Have a great time Love from Mum, Dad, Leila and Dale xxx







STEVE



Happy 30th Birthday to

We love you, Sue and Malc (Mum and Dad) x



ALL ON THE 26TH



Happy Birthday to a beautiful wife, mother, daughter, sister and auntie. We all love you so much.

Daren, Maisie, Mum, John, Michelle, Antony, Tegan and Junior.

90th Birthday

BONE. — Ronald. Happy



WOODS

Congratulations on your 65th Birthday. Love from all your family x

Marriage Congratulations



EGGLETON: WRIGHT

IGEL and SUSAN Congratulations on your wedding, 26th April 2008. All our love to you both. Mum, Dad

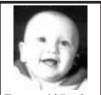
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den Wedding **SHEILA** and REG **CLARKE**

Congratulations Mum and Dad Nan and Grandad On your Golden Wedding Anniversary 26th April 2008. Love from all the

family xxx

18th Birthday

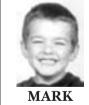


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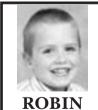
1 yr old on 25-4-08 Happy Birthday Cutie!
Love you lots
from Grandad, Nanny,
Auntie Demi and all the
family xxxxx



BENJO Have a great 18th. All our love, Mum, Dad, Jess, Nan, Gramps.



MITCHELL Happy 18th Birthday on 23rd April. All our love Mum, Arron, Charlie and Lewis xx



CLIFFORD

MARK

HOWELLS

Have a great 21st Birthday! 24.4.08 All our love Mum,

Julia, Casey and Jolie

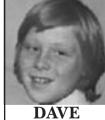
JACKSON Happy 21st Birthday 30th April. Love Mum, Dad, Hannah, Lucy,

Nathan and Georgia



ROGERS

To the best husband and daddy in the world. Happy 30th Birthday, 26-4-08
Our love always and foreverous from Kerry, Lauren and Jayden xxxx



THARBY Look who's 40 All our love Sam,

90 years young today! Love you! Sisters, Rosemary and Betty.

Ross, Ivy and Alfie

60th Birthday

50th Birthday

Silver Wedding



(WINKLE)

Happy 1st Birthday Little Man, 30th April Enjoy your party. We love you loads. Love Mum,Mum and Dad, Dad



DAN

COOMBS

29th April. Love Mum, Dad,

Jessica, Larna xxx

18th BIRTHDAY

MARK MITCHELL

Happy 18th birthday on 23rd April. Love Nan and Grandad

XX

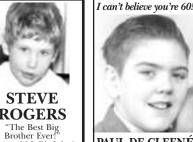


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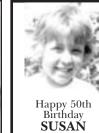
and Kids xxx



Happy 30th Birthday! Love you loads. Your little Sis



PAUL DE CLEENÉ Happy Birthday. ve, your sister Susan Roger. xxx



DUBURGUET Lots of love Mum, Dad. Ted. Laura. Richard and Lily



MUM and DAD (Nanny and Grandad)



Congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary on 30th April 08. Lots of love Karlie, Charlotte, Steve, Bev, Dan, Claire, Adam and Kerry-Jane

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS IN THE HARLOW COMMON WARD

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An official Notice of the Election and electors poll cards will be issued following the normal elections being held on 1st May 2008 for the other Wards in the district.

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But remember all of these sofas are available in a great choice of leather colours to suit you, let the sofa be the statement. Keep the room simple - clean, white washed walls will look as fabulous alongside a black leather sofa and state-of-the-art gadgets as they will against rose print chintz and vintage brown leather.

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If you have young children, you may also find that having a sturdy, tough, leather sofa that is ready to withstand a small tribe of children using it as a climbing frame would be best for you.

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Softer leather is still surprisingly tough and looks beautiful in any décor. Choosing a sofa in a muted, pastel tone of cream, caramel or peach gives the whole room a relaxed feel with strong accessories or cushions adding dramatic effect if needed.

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If you are looking for a country cottage effect, this soft, distressed leather is a must.



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LIFE AFTER LOVE

Jason Segel stars as a man trying to find the way back from a heartbreak

cinema - page 24

Reederz beat thousands to reach UK finals



PLECTRUMS are poised and fingers crossed for a Harlow band which has won through to national finals.

Saturday saw local group and Square regulars Reederz win through to the last stage of a competition which featured more than 10,000 entrants.

After winning Saturday's regional final, the band, whose members are aged from 12-18, will battle it out to take the crown and win incentives for a future in the recording

The band comprises drummer Curtis Miley (12), lead guitarist Peter Rowe (13), Ashton Cooper (14) on guitar and vocals and bassist/lead singer Matt Nash (18). Matt's mother Sarah

Cunningham, of Chelsea Gardens, Harlow, said: "I am over the moon for them, absolutely delighted as they have done so well to get this far and the judges and me all think they can go all the way." Paul King, former manager for Level 42, Tears for Fears and Julian Cope as well as Genesis' tour manager, said: "We have found that the competition is so effective for us to discover talented acts and bands and to place them in the music market place.

"For the acts involved, such as Reederz, it is a great opportunity to develop, improve and impress."

The national final is to be held on June 28 at the Dame Peggy Ashcroft Theatre, in Croydon.

DANCE A glimpse of the future of street dance can be seen from street dance can be seen from tonight (Thursday) until Saturday at The Playhouse when Hip-Hop Pop presents its latest show 2020. The production is set in the year 2020 and sees an evil mistress of new era dance converting all the talent into robots. Can it be saved? The answer can be found from 7.30pm with tickets costing £12 (£10 concs) from (01279) 431945.

MUSIC John Petter's inimitable jazz drumming style can be heard at St John's ARC tonight (Thursday) at Som Guesting are Chez
Chesterman, Trevor Whiting, Dave
Hewett and Keith Donald. Tickets are
£10 from 0800 496 0673.

DRAMA Noel Coward's timeless classic farce *Hay Fever* opens tonight (Thursday) until Saturday at Victoria Hall Theatre, in Bury Road, Old Harlow. The Harlow Theatre Company production follows the Bliss family whose guests are invited only to find themselves in rather distracting situations simply to give inspiration to a novelist. Tickets prices stat at £7.50 from (01279) 420062 and curtain-up is at 8pm.

ART The last few days of former Burnt Mill teacher Richard Brown's free exhibition can be caught at St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, off Market Street, Old Harlow, until

MUSIC St John's ARC is foot-tapping for freedom at Saturday's Amnesty Jazz concert in aid of Amnesty International. Local talent including Adam Amor and Harlow Spanish Orchestra will be performing from 7.30pm. Tickets, including buffet, are £12 from (01279) 722381.

Young musical talents shine out for contest



By JIM TANFIELD

FORGET *Britain's Got Talent* – it was in Harlow where all the gifted young musicians gathered at the weekend.

Harlow and Bishop's Stortford's Rotary Club gave musical youngsters the chance to shine on the big stage at its annual Young Musician Of The Year contest.

Following heats for 130 youngsters at Burnt Mill School earlier in the day, the finals at The Playhouse on Saturday evening concluded with winners from three age groups and six musical categories announced, followed by the naming of an overall winner.

The 17th annual event saw accordion, brass, woodwind, vocal, piano and string categories contested by youngsters playing everything from tubas to violins.

The overall winner, and winner of the under-19 group, was 16-year-old vocalist Thomas Trennery, from Puckeridge.

Triumphant in the under-16s was violinist Leonid Plashinov-Johnson (12), from Bishop's Stortford, and in the youngest age group Joseph Mitchell (10), also from Bishop's Stortford, won with his singing. Judging the contest was former Royal College of Music staff's Jonathon Martin and each winner was awarded £250.

Organiser Geoff Kay, of Elmbridge, Old Harlow, said: "When you think that the youngest person on the day was an eight-year-old girl playing the accordion who was utterly terrified in the heats and she went on to the finals at The Playhouse, it shows what a good thing it is at giving youngsters



VOICE OF YOUTH: Joseph Mitchell performs during the contest

an experience of public performance and also helps them tremendously with their confidence. "The day itself went very well and it's a great experience as they just do not know, when they enter the heats earlier in the day, if they are going to be successful and get to play at The Playhouse

on the big stage later in the evening.

"It's the first year we have ever had a singer winning the competition, so that's testament to how good he was."

Thomas will go to Chelmsford Cathedral early next year to take part in the regional final.



No escape from misery at the heartbreak hotel



THE latest in the unstoppable conga line of universally brilliant screwball romcoms from Judd Apatow and co (see Knocked Up, Superbad, The 40-Year-Old Virgin), this is a sharp, witty and poignant look at one man's desperate struggle to get over his ex-girlfriend.

Struggling musician Peter Bretter (Jason Segel) has spent six blissful years wrapped around the finger of his impossibly attractive girlfriend, television star Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell).

He's the blindly loyal chump living happily in her shadow as her stock rises, never asking for

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL

certificate 15, running time 1h 50m

anything and not minding in the slightest when he's accidentally omitted from acceptance award speeches. But his world is turned upside-down when his increasingly distant other half turns up at his apartment and ungraciously dumps him as he attempts to seduce her, leaving him crestfallen, naked and alone.

Left to his own devices for the first time in years, he slides into an unsuccessful existence as a womanizing alcoholic before an on-the-job nervous breakdown prompts him to take action to clear his head, deciding that an impulsive trip to Hawaii will do just that.

Little does he know, however, that he is about to be confronted by his worst nightmare. His ex and her elegantly wasted new British rocker boyfriend Aldous (flamboyant philanderer Russell Brand) are sharing the same hotel.

As he torments himself with the reality of Sarah's new life with her snake-hipped, über-trendy beau, a brief flirtation with exotic resort employee Rachel (Mila Kunis) begins to make him forget, as do several hundred fruity cocktails.

Part romantic comedy, part disaster film, in anyone else's hands this would no doubt be an irritatingly crude, callous piece of cheap exploitation cinema littered with inane fart jokes. Fortunately, it is instead an affectionate, heartfelt and hilarious look at life after lost love.

other new releases showing this week

THREE AND OUT

certificate 15, running time 1h36m



Sick and misjudged comedy about a debt-ridden Tube driver (Mackenzie Crook) who has killed two people in accidents on the underground. When colleagues tell him of a little known rule – three fatalities in a month and you're shown the door with a payment of 10 years' salary – he must find a third victim and goes about searching for volunteers for the task. Is that really the best the producers could do?

DECEPTION

certificate 15, running time 1h47m

Ewan McGregor stars as a nerdy and unassuming accountant who gets pulled into a seedy sex club underworld by a friend (Hugh Jackman). One of the women in the erotic nightspot (Michelle Williams) disappears, leaving behind only a trail of blood-stained satin sheets. The two pals battle to break the mystery which surrounds the girl's disappearance and expose hypocrisy at the highest level.

THE EYE

certificate 15, running time 1h36m



Sydney (Jessica Alba) is a young, blind violinist who is given the chance to see for the first time since childhood when she undergoes a miraculous corneal transplant. But as she adjusts to her new world she is haunted by frightening visions of murder which drive her to the brink on insanity and lead her on a quest to discover the identity and history of the transplant donor.

sound check with Chris Moss

GENTLY evoking the madcap spirit of the late psychedelic pioneer Syd Barratt, Reilly Peacock's hypnotic debut is a strange brew of village green eccentricity, gin-soaked balladry and peculiar wit.

As quintessentially English as tea, scones and magic mushrooms, it's an album of lysergic lullables that invite favourable comparison with some of Shack's dreamier moments, only steeped in an unnamed paranoia that lingers almost prophetically throughout.

Opening ballad *Albion* perhaps serves as a weak indicator of the subtlety and hidden depths of the album as a whole, but by the time the quintet star-sail their way into stirring epic *Burning Ships* they really begin to hit their stride.

Henry's Eyes is the kind of psych rock fairytale that wouldn't be out of place on The Pretty Things' seminal rock opera S.F. Sorrow, sinister Victorian freakshow Coney

Album: Introducing A Wonder Of The Age Band: Reilly Peacock
From: Somewhere between Westbourne Par and Canvey Island
Who they?: Pete Helmer (guitar/vocals),
Bruce Williams (lead guitar/backing vocals),
Brian Lewis (bass), Gerald Williams
(keyboards), Ashley Gough (drums)
Sounds like: A lovely cup of special psychedelic tea
Website: www.myspace.com/reillypeacock

Island is likewise brilliantly bizarre circus burlesque pop and plucky banjo ballad At The End Again is a fitting curtain-call — imagine Mama Cass jamming with the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band in a field. Satisfyingly surreal and drenched in pastoral charm, step into Reilly Peacock's skewed Arcadian dream and you'll be more than willing to stay for tea.

gig guide

TONIGHT

CHEQUERS, Market Street, Old Harlow - Tramline Duo

FRIDAY

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Cindersfall; First Signs Of Frost; Kenai QUATTROZ, The Rows, Harlow – China Dogs; Magna Saga; Toy Radio CROWN, Market Street, Old Harlow – Nip & Tuck

SATURDAY

PHOENIX, Tillwicks Road, Harlow - Paul

SHARK, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Freebird COLT HATCH SOCIAL CLUB, Colt Hatch, Harlow – Marc Salmon HORNS AND HORSESHOES, Foster Street, Harlow – Andy Robinson BURNT MILL SNOOKER & SOCIAL CLUB, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – Bob &

CD reviews by Ben

ELLIOT MINOR

Elliot Minor (album, Repossession)

If you believe the script, Elliot Minor are an underground act which have quietly infiltrated the mainstream. But if that's true, then why give the impression of being entirely manufactured and controlled by suit-wearing, cigar-smoking record company execs? With their baby faces and immaculately messy haircuts, it's clear who the target audience is here – teenage girls more interested in 'fit' boys than good musicianship. Apparently, all five members are classically trained musicians but if anybody is listening to this gash pianoheavy emo-by-numbers in two years – let alone 10 years – then it really will be hat-eating time all round.

DWELL

The Envy Corps (album, Vertigo)

The former indie fashion for launching into a slough of despondancy and doggy-paddling in the quagmire of teen angst has been thankfully overlooked for this stunning piece of work. Despite hailing from lowa, this quartet seem to have a grasp of a very British sort of guitar vibe, with a hybrid rollicking beast formed with a Radiohead, blood of The Doves coursing through limbs held together by Gomez glue. Among the glittering offerings,

still on screen

FOOL'S GOLD. A new clue to the whereabouts of a lost treasure rekindles a married couple's sense of adventure in this forgettable adventure/romcom hybrid.

SON OF RAMBOW. Brilliant coming-of-age comedy set against the backdrop of an endless English summer during which schoolfriends decide to make their own version of Rambo: First Blood armed only with a primitive camcorder and buckets of enthusiasm.

STEP UP 2: THE STREETS.

The Bard's best-known work gets a hip-hop makeover as two star-crossed lovers from opposite sides of the tracks overcome prejudice by dancing.

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES. Three siblings discover a magical world on their own doorstep after moving to a creepy old mansion with their mum in this superior children's fantasy adventure

21. Fact-based story about the six talented maths students trained to become experts in card counting who subsequently took Vegas casinos for millions in guaranteed winnings.

DR SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! Fantastic computer-generated comedy in which an existentialist elephant must help save the inhabitants of a microscopic world. Adapted from a novel by favourite children's author.

BEE MOVIE. A bee who has just graduated from college discovers humans actually eat honey and decides to sue

ENCHANTED. Fairy tales collide with reality when a mythical princess is sent to the real world by an evil queen, changing her perceptions of love and life.

MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM. When 243-yearold eccentric Mr Magorium bequeaths his weird and wonderful toy store to his bookish assistant, a dark and ominous change begins to take over the once remarkable Emporium.

preview

IRON MAN. When wealthy industrialist Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr) is forced to build an armoured suit after a life-threatening incident, he decides to use the technology to fight against evil in this big-budget comic-book adaptation.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

The still eye in a storm of hearts

SILENT LIGHT

(Tartan Video, 15, retail)

Carlos Reygadas' tale of a forbidden love and its emotional fallout in a peaceful Mennonite community in northern Mexico is a masterfully moving and visually gorgeous piece of cinema.

Opening with a long time-lapse shot of a starry night sky dissolving into the mute florid explosion of dawn over the rural landscape, it's a film that demands stillness and the fixed gaze of its audience as the camera plays the part of unobtrusive witness, simply staring unmoving into a scene as small details are played out before it.

As accustomed as we are to MTV-style crash-editing and chaotic visuals substituting for substance, *Silent Light* initially takes some adjustment with its insistence on a glacial pace creating a sense of the simple tranquillity of life in this place.

Against this canvas, the upheavals caused by farmer and family man Johan (Cornelio Wall) and his adulterous love for Marianne (Maria Pankratz) are all the more disquieting, especially since his turmoil has led him to admit everything to his quietly anguished wife Esther (Miriam Toews).

Reygadas' lingering, slow takes capture all the differing subtleties of pain and torment felt by the central participants as events progress towards an inevitable crisis; he also loves symmetry in his shots, and uses it to comment on the relationships – a perfect symmetry of two houses for when Johan and Marianne are together, a discordant and out-of-skew version of it when he's with Esther.

It's just a shame the director didn't hold his nerve and continue passively watching his characters because a last act deus ex machina has far too much of a supernatural contrivance about it and is ill-suited to what has gone before.

Star rating: ★★★★

MY DEAR KILLER

(Shameless Screen Entertainment, 18, retail)

Better known as the director of a string of spaghetti westerns such a *My Name Is Nobody*, Tonino Valerii only once ventured into the territory of Italy's giallo thrillers but thankfully emerged with this exception example of the genre in 1972.

When an insurance investigator is bizarrely decapitated by a dredger, police inspector Peretti (George Hilton) looks into the killing and inadvertently sticks his hand in a wasps' nest when he follows it back to an old kidnapping and murder case which the dead man was investigating.

It soon becomes apparent Peretti has something of a kiss of death about him – no sooner does he re-interviewed a witness in the kidnapping than they wind up meeting a particularly gruesome end and it slowly dawns on him that the criminal in the old case is snipping off all the loose ends he uncovers for

Too often, gialli are little more than a series of grisly set-piece murders, a wildly incoherent plot and an unlikely killer generally revealed *Scooby Doo*-style at the climax but My Dear Killer is a cut above, with characters more fully rounded than the norm and a satisfyingly complex mystery at its heart keeping the tension high.

Of course, it does have its graphic moments but even these are largely handled in a restrained manner



which adds to their overall impact, giving the finished film something of the feel of Dario Argento's early work in The Bird With The Crystal Plumage and Cat O' Nine Tails.

Star rating: ★★★★

DEPARTMENT S: THE COMPLETE

(Network, PG, retail)

With all 28 episodes on eight discs, this cracking box set is bursting at its flared seams with nostalgic fun and camp suavity as louche playboy agent and novelist Jason King (the incomparable Peter Wyngarde) and his elite team mop up the weird jobs regular government agencies can't crack.

Wyngarde's King was the inspiration for the Harry Enfield sketch *The Playboys*, but it's easy to forget there was so much more to him than a heroic porn 'tache, huge cravats and a taste in fine wines and loose women.

In fact, what surprises is the extent to which he's happy to take a backseat while American action man Stewart (Joel Fabiani) and computer wiz Rosemary (Annabel Hurst) break the back of many of the cases, with King slinking in to make some intuitive leap while dispensing dry quips – nobody, but nobody, can get quite so much mileage out of the droll response "Fancy!" as Wyngarde.

Most episodes open with a conundrum which appears possibly supernatural in some instances (such as an aircraft which lands six days after takeoff, although nobody aboard remembers anything amiss) and then goes off globe-hopping around the world via stock footage.

With writer Dennis Spooner and producer Monty Berman guiding it, Department S was the kind of show sadly no longer made, bristling with visual style, sharply written with a reliable line in casual wit, excitement and, most of all, fun.

Star rating: ★★★

SNOOP DOGG'S HOOD OF HORROR

(DNC Entertainment, 18, retail)

One of the problems with horror films is that they're often cheap to make and just about everybody thinks they can knock one out with little more than a concept that wouldn't fill the back of a stamp, a few mates and a bucket of stage blood.

Rapper Snoop Dogg falls victim to this kind of casual contempt for the genre, here serving as executive producer and the onscreen link between director Stacy Title's warmed over Tales From The Crypt-style

It opens promisingly enough with an anime-style sequence relating how Dogg got to be a hound of hell before moving into the first story of a graffiti artist who gets a make-over from bad medicine man Danny Trejo and discovers her tags can kill, but after some very splashy and silly deaths the pace slows dramatically for the story of a bunch of war veterans taking revenge on their vile landlord and, finally, a rapper paying the price for his ill-gotten fame.

Too much wooden acting, too many in-jokes and cringe-worthy last rap from Mr Dogg really don't help. Star rating: ★★

I AM LEGEND

(Warner Home Video, 15, retail & rental)

The casting of Will Smith as the lead in this third adaptation of Richard Matheson's classic novel reinventing and exploring the vampire myth was a fair indication it was never likely to be faithful, but after enjoying the look of a New York abandoned to nature and its sole remaining human inhabitant, the film is content to pile on a lot of unconvincing CG 'infected' and a truly horrible optimistic ending.

A shame, really, because Smith is a very likeable screen presence and could have been great in a faithful, down-the-line adaptation.

Star rating: ★★★

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Wilkinson, Jim Tanfield and Chris Moss

Rhinemaidens is delicate and sumptuous despite its neo-Gothic soul while *Walls* is a thoughtful elegy. Impossibly melodic and over-flowing with talent, this is an early contender for album of the year.

STOP

Against Me! (single, Sire)

A blast of preening guitar pop which is hard to ignore and rampantly annoying in equal measure. Like a male vocal version of a Transvision Vamp novelty, there's little content and no brain, but a very loud and catchy

FORT NIGHTLY

White Rabbits (album, Fierce Panda)

One of those rare debut albums that actually delivers on its bold promises, this is theatrical NYC new wave a la Jonathan Fire*Eater, only groovier. Boasting two drummers – both used to startling effect – the multi-instrumentalist six-piece shapeshift their way through 11 tracks of chaotic, cerebral and frequently majestic

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FREE TO STAY

Smoosh (album, Barsuk)

It's taken two long years since its American release for the second album from the teen sibling prodigies to reach this side of the Pond, but was it worth the wait? Well, it's more of the same cutesy indie-pop the sisters peddled on their debut, which is nice enough for young teens taking tentative steps into adolescence but a little too naïve for anyone over 17. However, concentrating on the album's shortcomings would be like kicking a sick puppy; this is nevertheless good for what it is – especially considering the duo's youth – and musically it remains impressively taut and technically accomplished throughout.



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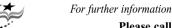
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You will be required to submit a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure application and attend relevant Child Protection training, and other relevant good practice courses.

Closing date: 8th May 2008. Interview date: 15th May 2008.

Casual Summer Staff

Post Number: SRO285 Salary: £6.04 per hour

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Paddling Pools sessions and events. You must be prepared to move from one post or venue to another and willing to work weekends.

The hours will be 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. for paddling pools (6 days) Events will vary but may well be all day (e.g. Harlow Show)

We will be looking for a minimum of 12 staff for this Summer. Staff will commence the week beginning Thursday 17th July 2008 (this may be a staggered start to incorporate training). All contracts will end on Monday 1st September 2008.

As casual staff you will not be paid if the Pools are closed for any reason. An enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check is required for these roles. If you do not have an enhanced check less than one year old you will need to have one before commencing work. Harlow Council can provide this but it will cost £39.00 to the applicant.

Closing date: 19th May 2008.

Interview date: Whitsun Week 27th - 30th May 2008.

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Closing date: 2nd May 2008. Interview date:14th May 2008.

Casual Community Play Workers

Post Number: CM0125

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Closing date: Friday 2nd May 2008. Interview date: W/C 26th May 2008.

Community Play Worker

Post Number: CM0101

Salary: £8.84 per hour

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You will be required to complete an application for a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure and attend an in-house Child Protection briefing session. Any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks: enhanced CRB disclosure and references.

Closing date: Friday 2nd May 2008. Interview date: W/C 26th May 2008

Application Forms for any of the above positions are available for collection from: Contact Harlow, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, College Square, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG. Telephone: (01279) 446017 Minicom: (01279) 446026. Website: www.harlow.gov.uk/jobs

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The Housing Options Officer works with a broad cross section of the community to answer housing queries and assist in the solution of housing problems. Tasks include face to face liaison with applicants in order to register applicants/ensure eligibility and explain housing options.

The role will also involve monitoring applicants registered on waiting lists and managing the experience for vulnerable people as well as playing a pivotal role in the introduction and development of Choice Based Lettings. Experience of this is highly desirable

The focus of the Homelessness Assessment and Prevention Officer is to take a proactive approach to prevent homelessness by offering advice and assistance to potential clients before their situation escalates to that of homelessness. If homelessness is unable to be prevented, there will be a need to assess homeless applications made under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Housing Act 2002), any decisions made under this legislation may be subject to professional and legal scrutiny. The successful candidate will also visit potential clients in their own homes to assess their housing situation, answer any housing queries and offer advice relating to housing.

Applicants should ideally be educated to degree level. Whilst we provide on the job training in areas such as legislation and benefits, the successful candidate will have relevant experience in a housing/benefits environment. Candidates must be able to demonstrate excellent communication & organisational skills and possess the ability to work within a busy and often stressful environment.

Should you wish to discuss either position prior to application call 01992 785570 and ask for Andrew Wilkes Housing Needs Manager.

PROJECT ASSISTANT - (Ref: 1E050N) Starting salary up to £18,500 pa Depending on experience and qualifications

Applications are sought from individuals who wish to pursue a career in the environmental field. The post, which can be a stepping stone to more senior posts, offers excellent training opportunities, including full external support to study for professional qualifications as well as a wide range of experience in a very busy section

The successful applicant will provide support in the management of the Council's many environmental contracts and services, as well as participating in new iniatives and a variety of projects.

Applicants should have a degree in a relevant discipline, be computer literate (Microsoft Office) and able to demonstrate the best principles of customer care. Knowledge of environmental disciplines would be an advantage.

SENIOR MARKETING OFFICER - (Ref: 1SMO) Broxbourne Civic Hall & Bishops College (40 hours per week)

Salary: £17,540 pa to £21,261 pa

We are looking for a creative and enthusiastic senior marketing officer. Responsibilities include the implementation of the marketing plan and promotional campaigns. Duties will include supervising a team of marketing officers and leading on projects for both events at Broxbourne Civic Hall, Leisure Services, Development and Environment including the timely production of promotional literature for events and facilities.

You need excellent communication and administration skills with the ability to work in a fast moving environment. The applicant will need to bring previous marketing experience to the role and be an enthusiastic and committed team player. Applicants must have daily access to a vehicle and a clean driving licence.

BENEFIT OFFICER - (Ref: 1R052N) Starting salary up to £17,000 pa

We are seeking to recruit a Benefits Assessment Officer to process housing and council tax benefit claims and to answer queries from the public. Previous experience is not required as full training will be given.

The right person must be computer literate, have good communication skills, an aptitude for figure work and be able to work as part of a team. They should also have experience of dealing with customers sympathetically, often in difficult and stressful circumstances. Applicants must possess strong administration skills, be able to work to targets with minimum supervision and ideally possess 2 GCSEs (or equivalent) in English Language and Mathematics.

FIT & WELL MANAGER - (Ref: 1M704S) John Warner Sports Centre – 40 hours per week Salary range £16, 952 pa - £19,404 pa FIT & WELL INSTRUCTOR - (Ref: 1M497S) Grundy Park Leisure Centre – 30 hours per week Salary range £12,756 pa to £15,462 pa

(Additional earnings available through membership sales and personal training) We are looking for a highly motivated individual to head up our

team and manage the Fit &Well department at The John Warner Sports centre which consists of a 90 station gym plus exercise class studio; hours are worked on a shift basis.

The ideal candidate should possess a minimum of a fitness instructor qualification, have experience of managing, an awareness of health and Safety and demonstrate an ability to get on with members.

We are also looking for a Fit & Well Instructor at Grundy Park Leisure Centre. This role also requires you to have a relevant fitness qualification as well as be able to demonstrate strong motivational and communication skills, carry out inductions, fitness assessments, membership sales, retention activities

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SUPERVISORS (Ref: 1M206S)

Broxbourne Civic Hall & Cheshunt Park Golf Course

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Catering experience and a positive approach is essential as is the proven ability to supervise others whilst working as part of a team. As well as day shifts the position includes evenings, weekends and Bank Holiday working

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE OFFICER (Ref:1M931S)

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This permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week (Monday to Friday – 1.00 to 5.00 pm) requires an individual with proven attention to detail skills and experience of some/all of the following duties:

- Keeping accurate records
- Processing memberships
- Direct Debits / Bacs File
- Debtor Letters
- · Administration of personnel information / filing

CASUAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE ASSISTANTS (Ref: 2FB)

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Various hours are available for casual roles which involve day to day provision of food and beverage services. No experience is required as full training is provided.

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Apply to Personnel Services for further information and an application form to be returned by Tuesday, 6th May 2008, quoting the appropriate reference number.

Borough Offices, Bishops' College, Churchaate Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN8 9XQ. Telephone Direct Line: (01992) 785509 Fax: (01992) 626917

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ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

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TEMPORARY TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS

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St Edmund's College is situated in rural East Hertfordshire. Whilst we are proud to be England's oldest Catholic school, we welcome applications from colleagues of all faiths who wish to be part of our special

An application pack can be obtained from Lindsay Cole Telephone: 01920 824335, emailhr @ stedmundscollege.org Closing date for applications: 9th May 2008

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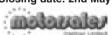
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(20 hours per week)

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The work also includes the collection and collation of data to monitor the effect of EMAs on student outcomes and

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HARLOW COLLEGE

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ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE ST Hugh's School

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(This post is full time – not term time only)
St Edmund's College is an Independent, Catholic, co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 3-18 years.

We require an Administrative Assistant to provide support and assistance to the administrative and secretarial team. The successful candidate will have good computer and general office skills, ability to use their initiative and work with a good degree of flexibility. They must be able to work calmly under pressure in a busy school environment within a friendly team.

Voluntary company pension scheme available For further details and an application form please contact Susan Sabin on 01920 824201. hr@stedmundscollege.org Closing date for applications is 9th May.

The College is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children, therefore, all candidates will be required to undergo an enhanced CRB check.

St Edmund's College, Old Hall Green nr Puckeridge, Hertfordshire SG11 1DS



ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE ST Hugh's School

DATA MANAGER

St Edmund's College is an Independent, Catholic, co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 3-18 years.

We are seeking to appoint a Data Manager with a strong knowledge of Microsoft software, including databases and spreadsheets. Previous management of a school information system would be preferable. The successful candidate must be self motivated and methodical whilst capable of using their own initiative. They must be able to cope within a busy school

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Class Teacher Mainscale

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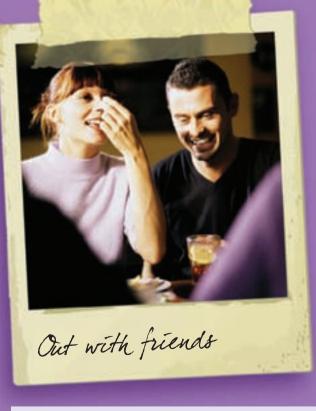
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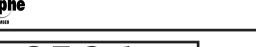
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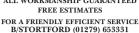
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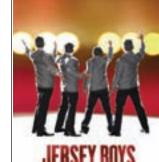
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SATURDAY APRIL 19 Football

Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, Inter-div Cup semi-final: Potter St A 2, North Weald res 1. Bill Bruty Cup, semi-final: Old Street 4, Salvation Army 3 (aet); White Roding 2, Alemite Ath 2 (aet: Alemite

won 4-1 on pens) . **Prem div:** Birchanger 3, Sheering 0;
Debden res 2, Pelly House 3; North

Weald 1, Loughton 1.

Div one: Avondale Rangers 1, Albury 0; Hatfield Heath res 1, Heath Rovers 1; Sheering res 1, Thorley Park 2; Thaxted R res 1, Dunmow Rhodes 2.

SUNDAY APRIL 20

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Harlow & District League, prem div:
Marquis Sports 3, Risden Wd 2;
Parndon Royals 4, Old Tn Ath 2;
Maypole Ath 3, Rouge Lyon 0.
Div one: Risden Wd res 1, Harberts 4;
Great Parndon CA res 1, Pollard 3.
Div two: FC Parkside 2, Pools Ath 3;
Rouge Lyon res 0, Galaxy 2.
Div three: Maiden 2, Brookside Ath 2;
St Germaine 1, Harberts res 4; UG Utd 1, Matching Utd 3.
Div four: FC Flare 2, Cottingham 0; FC
Clark 2, Harberts A 1; Abbey Albion 1,
Ashfield Albion 0; Broadley Common 1, Dynamo 7.

1, Dynamo 7.

Div five: Rouge Lyon A 1, Harberts Old

Harlow & District League Plate final: Archers Dart 0, Sewardstone 4 (see report and pictures next week). Harlow & District League Cup, semi-final: GPCA 3, Lindsey Street 2.

Fixtures

SATURDAY APRIL 26

Ryman League, prem div: Harlow Tn v East Thurrock Utd. Essex Senior League: Stansted v Sawbridgeworth Tn. Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted

& District League, prem div: Old Street v Birchanger, North Weald v Pelly House, Sheering v Alemite Ath. **Div one:** Avondale Rangers v Sheering res, Hatfield Heath res v North Weald res, Lower Street v Dunmow Rhodes, Potter Street A v Frontiers, Thaxted Rangers res v Salvation Army, Thorley Park v Heath Rovers.

SUNDAY APRIL 27

Football Harlow & District League, prem div: Maypole Ath v Old Tn Ath, Marquis Sports v Parndon Royals, Risden Wd v

Sports v Parnouri Royals, Risuell vvo v Rouge Lyon.

Div one: Old Townmead v Maypole Ath res, Pollards v GPCA res.

Div two: Atletico UG v Rhyno Ath, Rouge Lyon res v Pools Ath.

Div three: Risden Wd A v Brookside

Div four: Sewardstone Rovers v

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Harberts A.
Div five: Altham Grove res v Archers
Dart; Harberts A v Eppaldo.
Essex Junior Trophy final: Maiden v
Wickbeech (at Wivenhoe FC).
Div One Cup final (at Harlow Tn FC):
Harberts v I indsex Street.

TUESDAY APRIL 29

Essex Olympian League, prem div: Epping v Benfleet.

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, div one: Hatfield Heath res v Frontiers, Potter Street A v

Harlow fail to Link double

HARLOW Link's dreams of a cup double were shattered as lowly Inter sprang a surprise win over their KB Tyres/ Mercury Football League premier division rivals.

Inter stormed into a 3-0 lead inside 20 minutes in last Friday's Jubilee Cup final at Letchworth. Angelo Cappalonga scored in the fifth minute before Joe Crimaudo their lead further.

A Ross Tupper penalty in the 38th minute reduced the arrears but Inter went into half-time with a 3-1 lead.

Harlow set up an exciting finale when they were awarded another penalty on 73 minutes. This was awarded for a deliberate handball and the Inter defender was sent off.

Tupper again converted to make it 3-2 but were denied by a string of great saves by Inter keeper Mark Davies.

Abbey win Secretary's Cup final

ABBEY Youth won the *Harlow Star* Youth Community League U-10s Secretary's Cup after a 2-1 defeat of Bishop's Stortford at Ware FC.

O against MARK HALL YOUTH U-11s. On target were Ashley Winders, Ross Bourke and Frankie Branch.

In the U-10 silver division, LANGLEY

O against MARK HALL YOUTH U-11s. On target were Ashley Winders, Ross Bourke and Frankie Branch.

U-9s - Langley Colts Trojans 0, Epping Yth 2; Langley Colts Mustangs 2 (Jamie Rushworth 2),

In league action, RISDEN WOOD U-9s maintained their good run with a 3-2 win over **HARLOW TOWN REDS** in the .

Goals from Harry Billington (2) and Harry McWilliam secured the points. Thomas Bishop (2) replied for Town.

The Link-based WARE FC U-11s won 3-

COLTS STALLIONS beat KILN RANGERS 1-0.

Other results:- U-11s - Apex Yth 2, Langley Colts Trojans 3 (Jake Twomey-Law, Callum Richardson 2); Saturn 6, Waltham Abbey 0.

U-10 silver division – Bishop's Stortford Colts 2, Harlow Tn Colts 3; Epping Yth C 0, Harlow Tn White

U-9s - Langley Colts Trojans 0, Epping Yth 2; Langley Colts Mustangs 2 (Jamie Rushworth 2), Stansted Juniors 1; Langley Colts Stallions 4 (Sam Chaplin, Andrew Chong, Joe Gregory 2), Saturn 1; Waltham Abbey 1, Harlow Tn White 4.

Whites 2; Harlow Town U-7 Reds 8, Risden Wd U-78 Whites 2; Harlow Town U-7 Reds 8, Risden Wd U-7B 3; Langley Colts U-8 Stallions 4 (Stanley Saunders 3, Max Winstone), Langley Colts U-8 Trojans 1 (Alfie





Big Brother star's a boxing show knock-out

FORMER Big Brother Celebrity Hijack contestant Anthony Agogo was the star turn at a boxing show held in Harlow on Saturday.

Agogo, who came fourth in the Big Brother spin-off show earlier this year, was representing the Eastern Counties at the event, held at Great Parndon's community centre in Abercrombie Way. He claimed an unanimous verdict over the busy Home **Counties finalist Phil Gill** (Cheshunt ABC) in an U-69 kg contest.

Agogo now moves on to the last eight of the English **National ABC Championships** in his weight and will bid for a place in the semi-finals this Saturday.

Harlow was chosen to stage the prestigious regional stage of this national tournament.

By **DAVID RIMMER** rimmerd@hertsessexnews.co.uk

Agogo was one of six Eastern Counties finalists facing **Home Counties opponents.**

There were also four non-Title bouts on the bill at the event hosted by Essex ABC. Barnaby O'Connor was the only Harlow pugilist.

He claimed an unanimous verdict when he beat fellow debutant fighter Michael Chalkley (Rayleigh ABC).

The Harlow ABC fighter had a nervous and diffident start but more than made up for it in the second and thirds rounds of his three-round senior contest.

O'Connor had less of a reach than Chalkley but threw some good shots to the head and body with the latter being

forced to take a standing count in the second.

Steve Andrews, a Harlow ABC coach, said: "He boxed well and he worked off his jab. He jabbed well to the body but it was a close fight."

Other regional finals results (Eastern Counties first): U-57kg Joe Taylor (Brentwood ABC) lost to Bradley Evans (Stevenage ABC), unanimous verdict; U-64kg Joseph Paine (Chatteris ABC) stopped Alan Lever (Bedford ABC), 2nd rnd); U-75kg Joe Burnett (Kingfisher ABC) bt Chris Wood (Oxford Academy),
majority decision; U-81kg Chris
Brown (Chatteris ABC) lost to
Ashley Dennis (Welwyn Garden
City ABC), majority decision; U86kg Hamid Javed (Iceni ABC) bt
Sonny Jury (Thames Valley
ABC), unanimous decision.

● HARLOW ABC's Paul Marshall marked his debut fight with a slick display

KNOCK-OUT BLOW:

Top left, Big Brother Celebrity Hijack contestant Anthony Agogo who beat Cheshunt's Phil Gill to reach the last eight of the English National ABA Championships (s). Above right, Harlow ABC fighter Barnaby O'Connor, pictured with trainer Steve Andrews, left, won his non-Title bout against Michael Chalkley (Photo: ZH3PYRKK-01)

when he beat Bishop's

won a majority verdict in a senior contest with Russian fighter Artem Koroleve. Both bouts were held at the Rhodes Centre, Bishop's Stortford.

Stortford ABC fighter Will Griffin with a third-round stoppage. Isaac Mulisa (Harlow ABC)

rivals for the title, M & B Club, lost last night (Wednesday) at Ryan.

Street are on 64 points, four ahead of second-placed M & B who had two games left before the Ryan match.
M & B needed to win those

Wimble-done

"They have been magnificent

Kirby admitted he had been

"It's a massive relief of pressure. When Graeme Auger [club vice-president] showed us the

Wimbledon game it showed how

important [the win] was.

"To go and win at a ground like AFC Wimbledon is a huge accomplishment – some of our

players had not played in front of

cult season for us and we have been through a lot of adversity. I expect us to be more consistent.'

He added: "It has been a diffi-

Kirby also praised young mid-

fielder Clark Akers, one of the

goalscorers at Wimbledon. He

said: "He has had a bit of an

indifferent season but he has come back well."

Are Street the

CONFUSION has reigned in the LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League where **POTTER**

STREET are claiming the sen-

Street say they should be awarded the points for a victory

However, the League could

This confusion will prove

superfluous if Street's main

deduct these points due to an

over Sandon Royals last week.

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ior division one title.

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after

worried for the last two months

about Harlow's ability to beat the drop but had become more confident since their 2-1 win over

Boreham Wood last month. "Two months ago I was having a few sleepless nights with the injuries but I have been confident since the win against Boreham Wood and the players have responded in a massive

way," he said.

other results

that size of crowd.

this season and we could still hear them at Wimbledon.'

as Harlow

stay up

Cont'd from back page

last two matches and hope that Street slip up to land the the title. On Saturday, Street won 4-1 at neighbours **ROYDON**.

Mickey Kennedy struck twice for the visitors. Mark Pearcey and Lewis O'Donoghue got the other goals, while Jose Fernandez struck for the hosts.

Senior premier division side Epping were not in action.

Sontag hurt in goalless draw

MIDFIELDER Adam Sontag will hope to return to the Sawbridgeworth Town side for Saturday's Essex Senior League derby at Stansted.

Sontag sustained a cut head in the closing stages of the Robins's goalless draw against Basildon United.

A visiting player caught Sontag who tried to head home a bouncing ball on 85 minutes.

Home keeper Dan Bibby had superbly saved a header from Jerome Paul just before the break.

However, it was a dull game devoid of many good goalscoring chances.

Dons deflated as Hawks beat drop

as the hero to help guarantee (Ryman League, premier division) Hawks' Ryman premier division spot for the 2008-09 season.

high-flying AFC Wimbledon also over-quickly out to clear. turned the 3-1 defeat Harlow Town suffered against the Dons at Barrows Farm in October.

Hawks player-boss Ryan Kirby hailed his custodian. He said: "We know James is a quality keeper and is one of the best in the League. He was outstanding in the second

Harlow went ahead after only 40 SEC-ONDS when a three-man move involving Danny Green and Clark Akers ended with Kenny Davis popping up at the far post to

Predictably, Wimbledon pushed forward and Hasell did well to keep out a low shot from Romone Rose on five minutes.

KEEPER James Hasell emerged AFC Wimbledon 1, Harlow Tn 2

Saturday's fantastic result against Luis Cumbers, broke but Hasell was again

Harlow doubled their advantage on 43 minutes.

Hawks skipper James Bunn flicked the ball over central defender Rob Quinn with Akers gaining possession. The Wimbledon defenders awaited for a non-existent offside flag, before Akers cracked home a brilliant 20-vard shot into the top-right corner.

The hosts made a triple substitution at half-time. This included the arrival of Jon Main, who scored a hat-trick for Tonbridge Angels against the Hawks last season in the FA Trophy.

Either side of the hour mark, Hasell made great save to keep out Nic McDonnell's header. He then turned away a Chris Hussey

free-kick for a corner.

A chance for Harlow came and went when Akers' cross towards the far post saw Bunn's stretching effort go just wide. Hasell excelled again in the 74th minute

when he turned Sam Hatton's fierce 20yarder away for a corner, before making another fine save from McDonnell's close-range shot.

Wimbledon halved the deficit on 78 minutes. A Hussey corner was turned back by Steven Ferguson to Quinn, who scored from close range.

The closing minutes saw Hasell make a double save as he kept out a long shot from McDonnell, before saving a rebound from Jon Main.

A delighted Kirby added: "The team showed what they can do."

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis, Taylor, Hollenbach, Kirby, Chapman, Gliddon, Akers (Baker 84), Bunn, Fowler, Green (Warren, 90). Subs not used: Gliddon, Dumoulin (gk). Att 2,942.

Golfers defeat rivals in Shield

CANONS Brook's youth team beat close rivals West Essex in their second Shield match of the season.

The Harlow golf club won 3-2 in a match that went right to the wire until Canons Brook's current club champion 15-year-old Steve Jones beat England youth international Jack Heasman.

Jones was one down going down the 18th but managed to square the match and then snatched victory when he birdied the second sudden death play-off hole.

Canons Brook now top the Zone H division.

On Sunday, Canons Brook won the preliminary round of the Leslie Wood Trophy 11-4 against Castle Point (Canvey Island). Eleven-yearold John Withington, the youngest player to represent the Harlow club. won 6 & 5 in his singles match against a much older opponent.

The previous day saw the National PGA pro-am medal qualifier take place in extremely difficult conditions. Accompanying Canons Brook golf pro Alan McGinn will be Colin Cotterell.

Other result: Essex Seniors Trophy – Canons Brook 6 Belfairs 5.
Midweek medal:- 1st, Lee Carter (net 69); 2nd, Steve Jones (net 70); 3rd Peter Shemilt (net 73).

Squirrell seals club victory

PAUL Squirrell triumphed in Harlow Squash Club's annual closed tournament.

The competition, held at Harlow Sportcentre, was organised by Andy

The tournament was split into an A and B competition, A being the main draw and B for the lower league players.

It was the second time Squirrell

had won the main title. He beat Ian Gould 3-0 (9-7, 9-2, 9-7) in the final. Despite the defeat, Gould put in

an excellent performance. The B competition was won by

Tommy Martin. He lost the first set but came back

to beat Danny Winkless 3-1 (8-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-2) in another good match.

Winkless appeared to lose his way as Martin tightened his game

Peter Iszatt won the A Plate competition, while Chris Gatland took the B Plate.

Pretenders secure runner-up spot

YOUNG Pretenders confirmed runner-up spot in the Harlow & District Darts League with a 6-2 win over CC Whites on Friday.

However, Whites won the Handicap League by one point from Young Pretenders.

The match included a two-dart out-shot of 86 (treble 18 - double 16) by Pretenders' talented youngster, nine-year-old Reece Barnett.

White Admirals' 6-2 victory over Swift Halfs included a 180 by Admirals' Dave Galloway. Billy Woods (Swift Halfs) also hit a 180.

A total of 71 180s were scored during the league season. Damian Green came top with six, while CC Whites recorded the most maximums with an impressive 13.

There were 31 out-shots of more than 100 and Young Pretenders had the highest number of these (11). Other results: CC Foxes 6, Swift Arrows 2; Moot House Arrows 5, Colt Hatch 3; UG Social 5 (Nathan Wilkinson 180), Moot House 3.



SUCCESS: Harlow Tennis Club player Oliver Bickley with his

More success for Oliver

shown his outstanding talent by winning back to back junior Grand Prix titles.

The 12-year-old Harlow Tennis Club youngster won in Cambridge before triumphing at the Wilson Whitehall tournament in Chingford.

At the Cambridge LTC tournament Oliver battled through a strong 64-player draw to reach the final where he faced Northamptonshire's Shakeel Manji, currently ranked No.7 in Britain in the Under-12 age group. The match was highly competitive from the start with Oliver producing some excellent shots, particularly on the forehand. Manji was caught on the backfoot by Bickley's weight of shot and the first set went to the Harlow player by six games to four. The second set saw Manji up his

TENNIS player Oliver Bickley has game, but Oliver displayed his full array of defensive skills and foot speed to turn around several points that appeared to be lost.

Both players showed their versatility by making regular visits to the net and it was some exciting volleying that helped Oliver to a memorable victory by taking the second set 6-4.

At the Wilson Whitehall tournament, favourite Oliver made smooth progress to the final without losing a set.

In the final he faced Jarrod Linzell and produced a polished performance to win 6-0, 6-1. Harlow LTC head coach Will Calvert said: 'Oliver is a terrific prospect. His results are a credit to the hard work and commitment he has shown over a long period.

"These results will move him close to a British top 10 ranking which he thoroughly deserves."

Beijing beckons GB judo ace Cousins

Cont'd from back "My girlfriend [Rachel Lund] has also been a great support."

The former Passmores **School student added:** 'Until you get the letter in your hands you still have that feeling something bad might happen. You can never be 100 per cent certain.'

It was not all good news for the Cousins family. Peter's brother Thomas's girlfriend Faith Pitman just missed out on Olympic selection for the Great Britain women's judo team. He said: "If she had won one more fight at the World Championships, she would have gone to the Olympics. She came so close.

"I will be carrying the gauntlet for the family and the town.'

He is conscious of how much it means to the people of Harlow. Many wished him well after the Star carried the story of his probable Olympic selection last September.

Cousins is confident and unfazed by the prospect of competing against the world's best in China this summer.

"I feel like I could get a medal now but in the next few months will push myself as far as I can go – there is going to be a lot of gym work," he said.

"The Olympic Games is so massive. I am going to forget that it is the biggest sporting event when I compete and just concentrate on the man in front of

However, there was disappointment for Sally Conway, from North Weald, who missed out on Olympic selection.

Rockets ace hurt in horror smash

LUKE Bowen, so often in the wars, By ANDREW FRANCZAK added another unwanted injury to franczaka@hertsessexnews.co.uk his speedway portfolio as he lost control of his bike and careered Ekberg making a triumphant return after two into the safety fence during Rye House Rockets' comfortable 55-35 Premier Trophy victory over King's Lynn at Hoddesdon on Saturday

The 22-year-old Harlow racer was leading the opening heat but drifted wide coming out of the second bend on the last lap and hit the back straight safety fence.

After lengthy treatment, he was taken to hospital for X-rays on his shoulder.

These revealed no broken bones but the shoulder area is heavily swollen and there is both ligament and muscle damage.

Former Mark Hall School student Bowen is a firm favourite with the Rockets fans for his determined approach to racing, but this is the latest in a string of injuries, the worst of which was in 2006 when his season was cruelly cut short by a broken leg.

Rockets registered a comfortable victory over their arch rivals, with Swedish star Stefan www.harlowstar.co.uk

weeks out with four straight unbeaten rides. Ekberg reeled off four straight unbeaten

rides, and reserves Robert Mear and Danny Betson racked up 22 paid points.
Ekberg said: "I didn't see what happened

with Luke. I just hope that nothing is broken, and that he can be back with us again soon. "It was quite hard racing. The weather

made the track rather difficult to ride. "But I settled down after my first ride, and the team won, so overall – apart from Luke's

accident - it had to be quite good.' Bowen's injury gave the visitors an unexpected early 4-2 lead, but the Rockets were on fire from then on.

The result leaves the Rockets in a strong position to finish second behind Birmingham

in the Trophy group.

Rockets scorers: C. Neath 7+1 (from four rides); L.

Bowen 0 (1); T. Woffinden 12 (5); T. Allen (5+2 (4);

S. Ekberg 12+1 (5); D. Betson 9+1 (5); R. Mear 10+2 (6).



INJURED: Luke Bowen

Rams end season with big loss

(London div three north east)

THE Rams' season ended with a whimper as they lost at home to Braintree but still finished in fourth

sive injury list, included score a try under the posts former Swansea and converted by Monk before score a try under the posts converted b Pope in their line-up.

er out of position on catch and drive at a line-Saturday, defensive mis- out. takes were bound to hap-

The visitors went ahead on three minutes when a well-worked break from a scrum ended with Charles Monk scoring a try which he converted.

Both sides exchanged penalties on 29 and 36 minutes, with Monk slot-

Harlow 10, Braintree 32 ting one before Josh Bohl replied for Harlow.

The hosts enjoyed good breaks but it was Braintree who proved the more incisive side, scoring just before the break and on 52 minutes.

Tom Green broke from Harlow, beset by a mas- inside the Braintree 22 to

> Harlow's sole try came on 64 minutes when a slick backs move resulted in Francis Brown touching down in the corner. Bohl kicked a good conversion to cut Braintree's lead to 22-10.

> Shortly after this, Mark Loftus was sin-binned for the visitors, but he came

London Welsh prop Steve the Braintree hooker back to score a 78th-Stevie Sewell scored an minute unconverted try With several other play- unconverted try from a picking up a deft chip forward before touching down.

There was still time for Tom Carslake to round off the scoring with an unconverted try for Braintree.

HARLOW: Bohl, F. Brown, McFerran, Stradling (Banks 40), Grimley, Ford, Harron, G. Brown, Wilkins, Pope (Prindiville 70), Hawkins (Pope 55), Snow, Vanbeck,

avenged their tour defeat against Chippenham Colts Harlow ahead with a welllast month when they beat the Wiltshire side 19-7 at home on Sunday.

Chippenham went ahead when their number eight scored a converted try close to the posts.

The Rams reduced the deficit on 20 minutes. try out wide to conclude Barney Goodey's cross- the scoring. field kick was caught on the bounce by winger Sam knocked out in the plate Cootes who crossed for an unconverted try.

Harlow scored two sec-ond-half tries. Stuart Hitchcock touched down after rounding the away defence before Dan Hockley pounced on untidy scrum ball to score. Goodey kicked both

conversions. Harlow U-16s enjoyed a fantastic result when HARLOW Colts they won 15-0 at Saracens.

Danny Smith struck fifth-minute drop goal, and the Rams increased their lead on 20 minutes when number eight Jack Palmer crashed over for a try converted by Smith.

Sam Gregory scored a

Harlow U-13s were semi-final at a tournament in Westcliff. They lost 25-0 to Romford in the last four.

In the group stages, Harlow beat Stanford-le-Hope 15-5 and Basildon 15-5 but lost 25-0 to a

strong Braintree side. Harlow's try-scorers were Jack Boswell-Banks (2), Zac Chamnaoui, Andre Riddell, Mason Newborough and Sam Jenkins.

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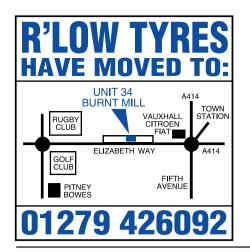
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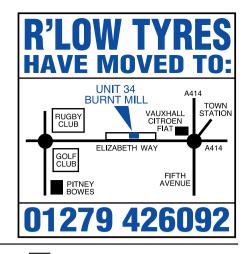
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Beijing beckons for GB judo ace Cousins

PETER Cousins was positively tingling with excitement after his selection to represent the Great Britain judo team at the Beijing Olympics was confirmed.

The 27-year-old from Hookfield, Harlow, had virtually sealed his spot by claiming a silver medal in the U-100kg

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category at the World Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in September last vear.

Cousins attended a press conference in London on **Tuesday where the team** was formally announced. He said: "I am nervous and I feel pride, especially for my mum and dad and

brother.

'I am so grateful to them and cannot tell you how much they

sacrificed. Cont'd on 43

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was quite clear as the the season at Barrow Farm in Hawks confirmed their two days against virtually spot in next season's condemned East Thurrock Ryman premier division United in a comfortable with a sensational 2-1 frame of mind. against AFC Wimbledon in front of almost 3,000 fans at football giving our fans some-Kingsmeadow.

Harlow Town can

RYAN Kirby's delight approach the last game of

Kirby said: "We can go out more relaxed but still be determined and go out and play our thing to cheer about."

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TICKET TO RIDE: Danny Green hitches a ride

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OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ Emissions (g/km): Xsara Picasso 1.6 110hp Desire Urban 9.5 (29.7), Extra-Urban 6.0 (47.1), Combined 7.3 (38.7), CO2 172

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